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Top players lock horns as cities collide



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(Melb. Croatia)

CHALLENGE!

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



The NSL race is hotting up and the next three rounds in both conferences should give us a pointer to the eventual winners.

In the National Conference it's a three-way tussle between Hellas, Croatia and Heidelberg-Alexander.

Juventus, Makedonia, Brisbane City and Footscray J.U.S.T. are, I suppose, still in the firing line, but I wouldn't give any of them a chance.

In the Australian Conference, it's a five-way battle between Sydney City Hakoah, APIA, Sydney Olympic, Melita Eagles, and Marconi.

Although many experts say that Hakoah already has the title sewn up, I would disagree. There are still a lot of vital games coming up — games that can change the order of the top five dramatically.

But forget about the other clubs. Penrith, Blacktown, Canberra and St. George — the nearest to the top five — haven't got a hope.

* This week's inter-conference challenge round contains some games that may make or break the championship aspirations of some teams.

In Melbourne, at Olympic Park, my club, Olympic, will take on Melbourne Croatia, which beat us last time we met.

At Middle Park, South Melbourne Hellas again has the home ground advantage against Sydney Hakoah, as it did last time when the game ended in a scoreless draw.

These two games will feature no less than 16 players who took part in the recent international series. At first, the two games were to be played as a double-header, but apparently Hellas objected to the plan. A pity, really, because it would have given soccer fans a smorgasbord of soccer delights.

Still, both games should prove to be great drawcards, and fireworks can be expected.

I know that the Hellas supporters, for instance, can't wait for this match, as they haven't forgotten the Alan Davidson incident. You'll remember of course, that Davidson swallowed his tongue and almost died after being flattened behind play.

Heidelberg-Alexander and APIA will provide a top-class thriller at the Olympic Village ground, and high-flying Marconi whose forwards are scoring with machine-gun regularity, take on Juventus at home, after having thrashed reigning NSL champion St. George Budapest.

With David Lowe, Peter Sharpe, Craig Mason, Tony Henderson and especially Mark Jankovics in top form, I favor Marconi to move further up the ladder as a result of a victory over the Victorians.

This match will be part of a double-header at Marconi Oval. The early match is between Sydney Croatia and Adelaide City Juventus — and a bumper crowd is expected to roll up, as Croatia will feature its two new players Vedran Rozic of Hajduk Split and Emil Dragicevic of Dinamo Zagreb.

Ironically, Adelaide Juventus has just lost its Italian guest players, Nello Scarpa and Tomaso Tallierico, who have gone back home. With its reinforcements, Croatia should win this match and as a result inspire new hope that the club will avoid relegation after all.

Remember that the last-placed Sydney club will go down at the end of the season.

Wollongong and Newcastle were in the last two positions at the time of writing, but neither club can be relegated this year, as both have been classified as "development areas."

Ironically, last year's champion, St. George, finds itself in danger of relegation at the moment — particularly should Croatia stage a sudden recovery as a result of Rozic's influence.

Harking back for a moment to Olympic's clash with Melbourne Croatia, I believe that Croatia may have a new player in time for this one. He is Jojo Bogdanovic from the Croatian league in Yugoslavia, and he's supposed to be some player!

Tommy Cunningham also is a formidable opponent for his sheer gutsiness, but all the Croatian players will have to be on their toes against us.

Last time, the score was 3-1 to Croatia but in recent weeks, guys like Jim Patikas and Tony Dakos have really come good for Olympic, and I'm determined to score against Croatia the way I did last time.

I've been reading about the abundance of talent at Heidelberg, now that Stuart Stevenson from Scotland has joined the attacking force. With Charlie Yankos leading the defence, Heidelberg should give APIA a tough game — but APIA also has fine players in Arno Bertogna, John Bradley, Peter Tredinnick and Bobby Parkes.

Still, I reckon that Heidelberg's attack looks a bit better,

and with the home ground advantage, the Victorians might just sneak this one, to put even greater pressure on Hellas.

If the challenge round is vital to the championship aspirants, it's just as important for the teams being threatened by relegation.

One such club is George Cross.

Its opponent at Chaplin Reserve is Wollongong, which, like George Cross, is at the bottom of its ladder.

Wollongong can't be relegated from there. George Cross can.

It doesn't make much sense, does it?

In any case, George Cross's players are well aware that this is one game they just have to win. And, quite frankly, I don't reckon they've got much to beat.

If the reports about forwards Bobby Toal, Mick McGorian and Ossie Latif are true, then Wollongong had better watch out. And George Cross's new midfielder, Jeff Faulkner, also is a good player. He had quite a reputation at Croatia, before his transfer.

Green Gully, under new coach Bobby McLachlan, also is threatened by relegation, yet its opponent, Newcastle-Rosebud, can't go down.

These two clash at Adamstown Oval on Saturday, and it certainly won't be easy for the Victorians.

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The NSL Inter-Conference challenge round on the weekend, with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD v. Green Gully at Adamstown Oval, 2.30 pm.

SUNDAY

Brisbane City v. MELITA EAGLES at Spencer Park, 3 pm.
Canberra Arrows v. FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. at National Sports Centre, 3 pm.

West Adelaide Hellas v. ST GEORGE BUDAPEST at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30 pm.
SYDNEY CROATIA v. Adelaide City Juventus at Marconi Stadium, 1.15 pm.

Blacktown v. BRISBANE LIONS at Gabble Stadium, 3 pm.
Melbourne Croatia v. SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Olympic Park, 3 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v. Sydney City Hakoah at Middle Park, 3 pm.
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v. APIA Leichhardt at Olympic Village, 3 pm.

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA v. Penrith at Connor Reserve, 3 pm.
SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS v. Wollongong at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.

Hajduk's Rozic 'best ever to come here'

Sydney Croatia secretary Peter Lukunic describes star import Vedran Rozic as "the best player ever to come and play club soccer in Australia."

"At a conservative estimate, I think that Rozic will add another 1,000 to our gate. We started the season with about 4,000 to 5,000 spectators but that figure has dropped alarmingly because we haven't been successful. Hopefully, Rozic will reverse that trend," said Lukunic.

Rozic, 28, has a pedigree which prompts Lukunic's optimism. He has played 26 times for the Yugoslav national "A" team, 40 times for the national "B" team, and 10 times for the Olympic team.

He is one of the finest players in Yugoslavia, having made over 700 appearances for Hajduk Split over 12 seasons. He also has captained Hajduk.

"I suggested to our coach Harry Noon, that what you should do with a player like Rozic is to ask him which position he'd prefer to play," joked Lukunic.

Rozic probably will play sweeper, the position in which his huge reputation in Yugoslav soccer has been earned. He arrived last week with his wife and children as a temporary visa player after gaining a free clearance from Hajduk in lieu of his outstanding service to the club.

He is Sydney Croatia's third import this year. Zeljko Jurin arrived three weeks ago. The 24-year-old striker is a former Zagreb player. He scored 22 goals last season for Sibenik, which finished 4th in Second Division.

Emil Dragicevic, 24, arrived two weeks ago. He plays for Dinamo Zagreb and Croatia is likely to use him as a midfielder. Croatia hopes to keep Jurin and Dragicevic for the rest of the season.

—CRAIG MACKENZIE

Young Melbourne on way back

If former Australian champion Melbourne-Hungaria, currently third in the Victorian First Division, wins promotion to the 1985 Victorian State League, it will be a triumph for coach Mike Lynn and his policy of fielding a young team, composed mainly of local products.

"As long as we don't get carried away with ourselves we can win promotion," said Lynn.

"I think that the young players in the side deserve recognition. There aren't too many sides getting success with two 21-year-olds and six teenagers in the first team."

The young Melbourne regulars are: Goalkeeper Ernie Toth, 21; defender Alex Szabo, 19; defender Gork Frassin, 18; midfielder Paris Tzambazis, 17; midfielder George Traichovski, 18; midfielders Costa Theodoropoulos, 21, and brother Lou, 17; and winger Ernie Tapani, 18.

Richie Armstrong, a 19-year-old striker, was in the first team until he broke a leg earlier this season. He recently returned to training.

Paddy Bannon, the former Heidelberg Alexander, Croatia and Juventus defender, Denny Ward, the ex-Slavica striker, and captain John Bird add experience to the team.

Bannon also adds his coaching ability. "I'm delighted to let Paddy get involved in coaching. He takes sessions and often, when we split the squad into two groups, he'll look after one group while I work with the other. He's been a bonus on and off the field," said Lynn.

—CRAIG MACKENZIE



Jeff Faulkner
(George Cross)



Charlie Yankos
(H'berg-Alexander)



Ray Farrugia
(Melita Eagles)



Murray Barnes
(Syd. C. Hakoah)



Arno Bertogna
(APIA)

CHALLENGE!

From page one

Rosebud has more talent than most fans give them credit for. Look at players like Ralph Meier (youth international in Mexico last year), Mike Boogaard (a tough customer if I've ever run into one), Simon Brandt (a nippy, skilful, mobile raider who's no slouch near goal), David Jones (the experienced left flanker from KB United) and former Soccerro Joe Senkalski, and it's as plain as the nose on your face that this team deserves respect!

Gully's Les Carter, Paul Lewis and Bobby McGuinness all have reputations as goalscorers, but they'll certainly have to be at their best at Adamstown Oval.

I mentioned earlier that St George also may be fighting against relegation. Saints' opponent in the challenge round is West Adelaide Hellas, and while Saints could be sure of victory in Sydney, they may find it hard at Hindmarsh Stadium.

On the other hand, guys like Robbie Slater, Mark Barton, Dez Marton, and Andrew Koczka appear to have what it takes to break down a fairly slow West Adelaide defence, to give saints a bit of breathing space.

The Canberra v. Footscray J.U.S.T. clash in Canberra should be a real beauty, for it

will feature some of the most exciting players in the nation.

Zdravko Lujic, for example. He's been in the NSL since 1978, and during all this time, he's been ranked among the most breathtaking wingers in the game. On a good day he can rip apart any defence with his skilful raids down the left. For many years his good wing play was wasted because J.U.S.T. lacked a finisher in the middle, but that problem has been rectified by Dragan Lacmanovic, the former Red Star striker.

And what about goalkeeper Dennis Boland? Together with Olympic's Gary Meier, he's the longest-serving 'keeper in the NSL, and probably the most spectacular.

As for Canberra, well, you can't go past Frank Farina up front, and Tony Franken in goal. Boland may be among the elite, but Franken is even better.

To pick the winner here, you may as well toss a coin. I'll go for J.U.S.T. because the Victorians are more experienced.

Melita Eagles have to keep winning to stay in the top five of the Australian Conference. They've had a lot of injury problems, but if all players are available, they certainly should beat disappointing Brisbane City in Brisbane.

Brisbane Lions have taken over from City as the more entertaining of the two Queensland clubs, and I'd give Lions a chance of causing an upset against Blacktown in Sydney, despite the presence of Phil O'Connor and Clive Eaton in Blacktown's attack.

Roddy Vasquez, the Stewart brothers, Steve Jackson, Calvin Daint, Jim McDonagh and Ray Jenna have a lot more overall talent than they're given credit for by fans south of Brisbane — and it's in games like this that these players are keen to prove everyone wrong.

Makedonia has had a shocking run recently, what with the sacking of Peter Ollerton, and the disappointing form of Gary Cole, Graham Heys, and even Zarko Odzakovic who hasn't lived up to his best form. Makedonia can change all that though, when they meet Penrith — one of the league's least glamorous clubs — at Connor Reserve on Sunday.

Penrith has a powerful defender in Dave McIntosh and a very creative midfielder in Ian Witherspoon. Ian Hunter is back, causing opposing defences a few problems, and I'm sure Penrith will adopt a defensive stance in Melbourne.

All in all, it should be a hell of a round.

And who says challenge rounds aren't a good idea?

Brilliant under 16s

Last week the Sydney Olympic committee appointed several players as advisers and talent scouts for our junior teams.

So come Saturday, I decided to take up my new post with the Olympic under 16s, and give away my traditional Saturday afternoon social game.

I went out to have a look at the boys, who are undefeated so far, and take it from me — they're in a class of their own!

They played typical European football which is a delight to watch. Their opponents, Sutherland, crossed the half line only half a dozen times, and Olympic won 2-0 as well as hitting the post three times.

Their skill and technique are outstanding, both individually and as a unit, so the club can look forward to a new crop of exciting senior players in a couple of years' time.

They're coached, by the way, by the father of Greg Ankudinoff, who has retired as a player, and all except one of them is Greek. The odd man out is Argentinian.

Hakoah hails Watson and Barnes

Sydney Hakoah the most successful team in the NSL, has embarked on a novel program to reward two of its longest-serving players.

Where most football clubs hold a testimonial match, Sydney Hakoah has decided to arrange a series of functions throughout the remainder of the year to get maximum financial return.

The two players are former Australian captain Murray Barnes and 1983 Australian Player of the Year Joe Watson.

Barnes began his career with Hakoah juniors and has been with the club 14 years. He has filled the positions of striker, midfielder and stopper but gained his prominence for powerful performances in the attacking midfield role.

He is a graduate in marine science and was captain of the Australian team which was eliminated from the 1982 World Cup Oceania Qualifying rounds.

Watson originally played with Forfar Athletic in Scotland and was an apprentice with Nottingham Forest before migrating to Australia 11 years ago.

He signed with the club as a winger in 1972 and quickly established a reputation for his elusive skill and speed and his accuracy in crossing from the wing.

Watson has played more than 300 games with Hakoah and was given full recognition for his talents last year with his selection to play for Australia against England.

He was also chosen in the Australian team which successfully defended the Merlion Cup in Singapore last December and played an important role in the Soccerro line-up which shocked the touring overseas teams during May and June this year.

He first played for Australia under Rudi Gutendorf.

Barnes and Watson have been two of the members consistently chosen in the Hakoah team which has won three of the past four NSL championships and which is currently on top of the Australian Conference.

Under 13 titles at Altona

The Northern NSW squad for the Australian under 13 championships to be held at Altona Soccer Club, Vic. from August 25 to September 1:

Shane BLOCK, Stuart CHRISTIE, Brett DAY, Darren FOGWELL, Brett HAWGOOD, Reg Haynes, Martin HORROCKS, Chris JONAS, Craig JONES, Bob KOCH, Mike MCCARTHY, Jamie McDUGALL, Vic MATT, Jeremy RICHARDSON, Scott WELLS, Mark WINSPEAR.

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Monday: N.S.W. v A.C.T. 10.00 a.m., N.S.W. v VIC 11.30 a.m., WA v N.T. 1.00 p.m., QLD v SA 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday: SA v VIC 10.00 a.m., WA v N.S.W. 11.30 a.m., QLD v A.C.T. 1.00 p.m., N.S.W. v N.T. 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday: A.C.T. v N.T. 10.00 a.m., SA v N.N.S.W. 11.30 a.m., WA v QLD 1.00 p.m., VIC v N.S.W. 2.30 p.m.

Thursday: N.N.S.W. v QLD 10.00 a.m., N.T. v VIC 11.30 a.m., N.S.W. v SA 1.00 p.m., WA v A.C.T. 2.30 p.m.

Friday: WA v VIC 10.00 a.m., A.C.T. v SA 11.30 a.m., N.T. v QLD 1.00 p.m., N.S.W. v N.N.S.W. 2.30 p.m.

Saturday: N.T. v N.S.W. 10.00 a.m., WA v SA 11.30 a.m., A.C.T. v N.N.S.W. 1.00 p.m., VIC v QLD 2.30 p.m.

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Marconi's Mason confronted Liam Brady

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Craig Mason was 12 years old. He was about to play his first schoolboy trial game with Arsenal.

He was rooming with another Arsenal hopeful. Mason describes his roommate as "a wimpy, Irish kid" and he was praying that they would line-up against each other in the big match the next day.

"I got onto the pitch and there was this little Irish kid playing against me. Great. This'll do me fine," said Mason.

"The Irish kid gets the ball and runs at me. He drops his shoulder one way, then the other. I've moved in about three different directions and he's ambled past me with the ball at his feet."

Mason didn't make it at Arsenal. The name of the

scrawny Irish kid was Liam Brady.

But Mason isn't the type of person to strut about saying he once played against Brady.

"You get players coming over here saying they did this and did that back home. I'm not interested in that. I'm only interested in what they can do on the park," said the 27-year-old Marconi midfielder.

"If I were a First Division player I'd be back in England now," playing at that level.

That's not a put down. Mason is a realist and when it comes to confidence, he's got his share. He reckons that Sydney City Hakoah isn't the championship certainty everyone seems to think.

"They can be overhauled and Marconi is the team that can do it. We've lost only one game in my time at Marconi. It's so competitive, now that the squad is almost at full strength.

"We do these players profiles there and I'm sometimes too embarrassed to fill in my sheet. You know the sort of thing I'm talking about, like what's your biggest thrill in soccer and that sort of thing. Almost all the other players in the squad are senior or youth internationals. Some of them have played in front of 100,000 people. Even though there's bags of young talent at Marconi, in some ways these kids are more experienced than me."

Marconi snapped up Mason early this season when Newcastle KB United folded and was replaced in the National Conference by Newcastle Rosebud. Marconi hasn't paid a transfer fee for Mason yet, as the ASF still has to resolve whether or not he was a free player at the time. Mason claims he still is owed money by Newcastle United.

Marconi beat Heidelberg Alexander and Bris-

bane Lions in the race to sign him.

Mason was born in Sheffield in England. He left Arsenal when he was 16. His senior clubs in England included Boston and Workshop in the Northern Premier League and Briggstown in the Midlands League. He was at Briggstown for three years and played alongside Kenny Boden. Mason and Boden were brought to Newcastle United for the start of the 1978 NSL season by Alan Vast.

"In the early years it was all new. It was a big deal in Newcastle and the crowds were great but my most enjoyable year there was last year. Even though we weren't the crowds we had our most successful season in the NSL."

"You can put a lot of that down to our coach Kenny Kaiser. Kenny's a great guy and a good coach. He's got a tremendous understanding of the players and knows how to get the best out of them.

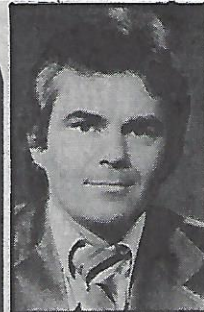
"And in adverse conditions too. You know, we used to train on about 12 different pitches throughout the season. We'd just go wherever we could use a ground. I remember waiting for a group of seven-year-olds to clear the pitch before we could use it on one occasion and we used to pitch with goalposts on it only once in our pre-season training for this year."

"It was a joke really, but Kenny turned that situation around to our benefit. We used to look at the facilities the Sydney clubs had and say to ourselves: Let's go out there and show these Sydney players a thing or two, because we're every bit as good as them."

Nevertheless, Mason thinks that most of the best players in Australian soccer are playing in Sydney.

"Take a look at the results of most of these inter-conference games

Craig Mason (left), who joined Marconi from Newcastle United earlier this season. Liam Brady (below), once played against Mason.



Les Murray

PUSKAS ON 0/28

this year. I think that says it all."

And he likes the idea of putting Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions into the Australian Conference next year.

"Yes, I think it's a good idea. We usually beat the Brisbane teams."

Mason is single, with no thoughts of marriage right now. He's concentrating on setting himself up as a haulage contractor and he's likely to be in Sydney for quite a while. He has a two-year contact with Marconi.

"We've verbally agreed to a maximum transfer fee if I want to move at the end of my contract."

What's that old saying about verbal contracts not being worthy the paper they're written on?

Mason watched every Soccerroo match in Sydney in the recent World Series. He feels that the high standard of play shown by the Soccerroos reflects his view that the standard of the NSL is as good as it ever was.

"I thought that the Soccerroos were tremendous. When these players play club football some of them stand out but most of them fit into the overall NSL standards. That says a lot for the NSL."

Channel 0 has acquired a magnificent, two-hour documentary entitled "The Golden Team" about the legendary Hungarian team of Puskas and Co of the 1950's.

"It is a great film — one all soccer lovers can watch," said Channel 0's soccer presenter, Les Murray.

The film has now been subtitled in English and will be shown towards the end of the season.

Murray was speaking at a Canberra Arrows VIP club dinner.

He said it was his understanding that soccer would continue to get prime television time slots — like the marvellous 7.30 pm Sunday spot now allocated to National League games.

"0/28 will not be backing out of its soccer commitments," Murray said.

Murray said Channel 0 would extend to Adelaide, Brisbane, Newcastle and Wollongong on July 1, 1985.

Sometime later — probably September or October — it would extend to Perth and Hobart.

"These are definite arrangements," said Murray.

Canberra president Charlie Perkins surprised everyone when he unwrapped not just a famous Juventus jersey — but the jersey worn by Paolo Rossi. He presented the jersey to the president of the Downer Olympic Club, Andrew Stramarcos.

— PETER WINSOR

Appeals fail

Victorian clubs East Carlton and Cheltenham have had their appeals against expulsion from the VSF turned down.

The former Provisional League clubs were expelled after investigations into alleged crowd disturbances at matches earlier this season. They can re-apply for admission to the federation at the end of the year.

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Youth leagues

VICTORIAN YOUTH LEAGUE: Knox City 1 Nune City 3, B.U. Juventus 0 Green Gully 3, Preston 0 Morwell Falcons 0, St Melbourne 1 Frankston Pines 0, Sun-George Cross 0 Melbourne Croatia 1.

This week's games, all on Sunday:
Melbourne Croatia v Nunawading City; Heidelberg Alexander v Frankston Pines; Preston Macedonia v Brunswick Juventus; Sunshine-George Cross v Knox City; Morwell Falcons v Footscray J.U.S.T.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE: AIS 3 Newcastle 1, Canberra 1 Croatia 0, Leichhardt 3, Blacktown 0, Marconi 4, Canberra 2, Melita Eagles 2, St George 0, Sydney City 7, Olympic 0, AIS 3, Croatia 1, Wollongong 4, Penrith 2. Standings: Leichhardt 21; AIS 20; Melita Eagles 20; Canberra 18; St George 18; Newcastle 16; Blacktown 16; Sydney City 15; Marconi 14; Olympic 13; Penrith 10; Croatia 8; Wollongong 7.

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AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (Ratcliffe 48th) MELITA EAGLES 1 (Wilson 92nd) at St George Stadium. Crowd 1723. Ratings by Alex Vesic.

ST GEORGE: Young 8, Sken 6, M. O'Shea 7, Ratcliffe 7, J. O'Shea 8, Riey 6, Barton 7, Stone 7, Slater 6, Kozka 7, Batten 6, (Petkovski 71st). Coach: Frank Ark.

MELITA EAGLES: Hummel 7, McAuland 5, Wilson 8, McGinn 7, H. Tredinnick 7, Alan 5 (Andropoulos 60th), Jamieson 6, Davies 6, Laing 5, McKie 7, Griffiths 7. Coach: Raul Blanco.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Young (SG), 5. Wilson (ME), 4. J. O'Shea (SG), 3. Tredinnick (ME), 2. Ratcliffe (SG), 1. McGinn (ME).

WOOLLONGONG 0 PENRITH 2 (Cotton, Jackson) at Wollongong showground. Ratings by Phillip McCall.

WOOLLONGONG: Tilsed 7 — Green 6, Willis 6, Vlastre 7, Dickson 6, Fleming 6 — Hristovski 6 (Fortuna 63rd), Gaffney 7, Kerr 6 — Bundalo 6, Kotamandilo 6. Coach: Adrian Alston.

PENRITH: Gibson 7 — Brogan 6, Daley 7, McIntosh 8, Cross 6 — Wotherspoon 7, Campbell 7, Hale 6 — Hunter 7, Cotton 9, Jackson 8. Coach: Willie Wallace.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Cotton (PI), 5. McIntosh (PI), 4. Tilsed (W), 3. Hunter (PI), 2. Vlastre (W), 1. Gaffney (W).

CANBERRA 0 MARCONI 2 (Lowe, 31st, Sharne 72nd) at National Sports Centre. Crowd 960. Ratings Peter Windsor.

Canberra: Franken 8, Ontong 7, Jones 7, Redmond 7, Mihailidis 7 (Hogg 72nd), Sermanni 8, Bryant 8, Brockbank 8, Reis 7 (Lamond 81st). Farina 7, Perinovic 8. Coach: Doug Collins.

MARCONI: James 9, Carter 7, Spanos 7 (Driene 45th), Calderan 8, Henderson 8, McCulloch 8, Mason 7, Jankovic 7, Sharne 7, Lowe 7, Brown 7. Coach: Les Scheinflug.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. James (M), 5. Sermanni (C), 4. Bryant (C), 3. Henderson (M), 2. Calderan (M), 1. Perinovic (C).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Lloyd 46th) GREEN GULLY AJAX 4 (McGuinness 6th, Carter 15th, Lewis 75th, 90th) at Olympic Park No. 2. Crowd: 1,011. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Keogh 6 — Geremia 7, Brown 6, Rogers 6, Campbell 6 — Cullen 6, Dowie 7, Swinscoe 6 (Saglaam 84th) — Lloyd 6 (sent off 60th), Ward 6, Zinni 6. Coach: John Margaritis.

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HAKOAH: Pezzano 6 — Rodrigues 9, Cant 7, O'Connor 8, De Marigny 7, Kay 8, Watson 8, Barnes 6-Lee 8, Kosmina 6, Murray 7 (Fletcher 73rd). Coach: Eddie Thomson.

OLYMPIC: Meier 6-Rogers 5, Dakos 6, Coady 8, Jennings 7-Patkas 6, Resko-poulos 7, Phillips 7-Koussas 5, Theodorakopoulos 6, Katholos 7 (Kalantzis 79th). Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

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CROATIA 2 (Arnold 29th, Clinch 57th) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (John Stewart 68th) at King Tomislav Park. Ratings by Roger Shearck.

CROATIA: Watson 8 — Woods 8, Rozic 8, Sterrey 8, Tomasich 8 — Clinch 8, Jurin 7, Savor 8 — Arnold 6, Boden 6 (Borges 46th — 7), Rezo 7 (Meades 25th — 7). Coach: Harry Noon.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow 8 — Jackson 7, Hunter 7, Niven 7, Vasquez 8 — R. Stewart 7, J. Stewart 7, Cairnes 8, McDonagh 7 — Junna 7 (Anderson 66th), Daut 7. Coach: Gordon Armstrong.

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BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare 7 — Shaw 6, Dunleavy 8, Pointer 7, Skelern 7 — Selvaige 9, Quarmby 7, (Sandy 26th — 7), Byrne 8 — Thornthwaite 8, Eaton 8, O'Connor 7. Coach: Casey DeBruin.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Parke 7 — Bozanic 7, Bertogna 8, Pullen 7, Brown 8 — Butler 7, Bradley 8, Gray 7, Caban 7, 6 (Morsello 50th — 7), Tredinnick 8, De Caglio 7. Coach: Fil Botallico.

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STH MELB HELLAS: Laumets 7, Russell 7, Yaendorn 7, Blair 8, Kalitadis 7 (Postecoglou 40th 7), Halford 9, Crino 8, Davidson 8, Murphy 9, Brown 9, Egan 9. Coach: Len McKendry.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD: Hampton 6, Maier 7, Power 7, Boogaard 7 (sent off 70th), Thompson 6; McQuarrie 6, Senkalski 7, Brandt 6; Milosevic 6, Jones 6; Johns 6. Coach: Willie Gallagher.

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Bradley forges further ahead

John Bradley of APIA Leichhardt has widened his lead from 12 to 14 votes in the tussle for the \$1500 Boral Bricks Player of the Year award.

Doug Brown has moved closer to leader John Kosmina in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer award with his goal in Hellas 7-0 win over Newcastle Rosebud.

Top Votegetters:
68 — Bradley (APIA)
54 — Wade (GG)
50 — Franken (Can)
47 — McIntosh (P)
41 — Kosmina (SCH)
39 — Melta (AC), Wishart (BC)
36 — Yankos (Heid), Williams (GG), P. Tredinnick (APIA), K. Murphy (SMH)
34 — Jackson (P), Wotherspoon (P)
33 — McDowell (FJ), McPherson (ME)
32 — Katholos (SO)

Top scorers:
15 — Kosmina (SCH)
11 — Brown (SMH)
10 — Bradley (APIA), Lowe (Marc)
9 — Katholos (SO)
8 — McCulloch (Marc), Farina (Can), Winn (Heid), Konstantopoulos (WA), Paterson (Heid), Arnold (Syd Cr)
7 — Brown (Marc), Brandt (NR), Jankovics (Marc), Marton (St G)

Team of the week

JAMES (Marconi)
RODRIGUES (Syd Hakoah)
MELTA (Ad Juve)
COTTON (Penrith)

CURCIO (Melb. Cro)
SERVAGE (Btown)
EGAN (SM-Hellas)

CANNELL (G. Gully)
HALFORD (SM-Hellas)
BROWN (SM-Hellas)

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	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH.....	12	4	1	47	12	28
APIA-LEICHHARDT.....	9	5	3	29	17	23
MARCONI.....	9	3	5	39	22	21
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....	7	3	3	33	20	21
MELITA EAGLES.....	7	6	4	17	16	20
Penrith.....	6	6	5	22	23	18
Blacktown.....	6	5	6	23	28	17
St. George Budapest.....	5	6	6	23	24	16
Canberra Arrows.....	7	1	9	30	25	15
Sydney Croatia.....	5	5	7	18	27	15
Newcastle-Rosebud.....	5	2	10	18	39	12
Wollongong.....	3	3	11	13	38	9

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
STH MELB. HELLAS.....	10	2	5	31	13	22
HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER.....	9	4	4	29	18	22
MELBOURNE CROATIA.....	8	5	4	24	20	21
B.U. JUVENTUS.....	7	3	7	22	32	17
FOOTSCRAY JUST.....	6	3	8	19	18	15
Adelaide City Juventus.....	6	3	8	17	18	15
Brisbane City.....	6	3	8	13	20	15
Preston-Makedonia.....	5	4	8	23	26	14
Brisbane Lions.....	5	4	8	23	27	14
Green Gully.....	5	4	8	20	24	14
West Adelaide Hellas.....	5	3	9	26	29	13
Sunshine-George Cross.....	3	5	9	13	33	11

Morton and Charlton power Juve toward Tassie title

By WALTER PLESS

JUVENTUS-PIONEER 3 (Morton 36', Genovesi 46', Pace 77'). OLYMPIA-WPL 1 (Cochrane, own goal, 24') at Grove Road, Saturday.

Crowd: 500. Ref: Clarkson.
JUVENTUS: Craven 8 — De Felice 7, Cochrane 4, Genovesi 5, Pears 7 — Darke 7, Genovesi 8, Pace 9, Kent 7 — Morton 9, Wells 7.
OLYMPIA: Burden 3 — Edwards 5 (Alexiadis 75), Pappas 5, Broadhouse 5, Hey 8 — Munro 6, Sherman 8, Nichols 6, Bolton 6 — Cook 6, Forster 5.

Only a major disaster can prevent Juventus-Pioneer from retaining its Cadbury State League title in southern Tasmania.

After defeating second-placed Olympia-WPL 3-1 on Saturday, Juventus leads the league by five points with seven matches remaining. Juventus played brilliantly against an Olympia side that has serious deficiencies which even new coach, Peter Brine — he coached Juventus to last year's title — will find difficult to rectify.

Brine claims he hasn't got adequate replacements, but, some of the young Greek players in the reserves

than some of the prima donnas in the first team.
Ken Morton, John Charlton and Sergio Pace were outstanding for Juventus. Morton's one-touch play was immaculate and Charlton strode around in defence like a colossus. Pace showed electrifying speed and a tenacity which saw him head the final goal and go close on several other occasions.

The entire Juventus side, in fact, with the possible exception of Alastair Cochrane, who headed past his own goalkeeper, and who was left floundering at other times, played superbly.

Olympia took 20 minutes to have a shot, and when it came, it was a tame effort by Sherman. Two minutes later, Cook was put through by a poor header from Juventus captain, Robbie Kent, but the striker's shot was anemic.

In the 24th minute, Forster's cross floated across goal and Cochrane, racing towards his own goal with Cook on his heels, stooped low to head past Craven.

Olympia had another glorious chance on the half-hour

clearance slammed into Cook, he managed to control the ball, round Cochrane and advance towards goal. Faced with the opportunity to shoot, Cooke chose to pass to the unmarked Forster at the far post but, with the goal at his mercy, last season's top scorer fired wildly into the sky.

The equalizer came nine minutes before the interval. Genovesi's corner found Morton alone in the six-yard box and his header flew into the roof of the net. Burden got a hand to it, but, where oh where was he and the defence as the corner came over?

Juventus struck a killer blow a minute after the break. Morton lobbed the ball into the penalty area, Wells glanced it down, and Genovesi struck a superb volley straight and true.

The third goal had everything — quick thinking, skill, opportunism and clinical finishing. Morton controlled a long free kick from his defence, beat Keith Broadhouse by suddenly accelerating, and crossed for Pace to score with his head.

from the best team in the league. Juventus has faltered twice this season, enabling its immediate opponents to gain ground. After this display, and with Di Martino and Ward still to return, it has sprited away again with the finish line clearly in sight.

Other results: RAPID 2 (Thomas 2) CALEDONIANS 1 (Banagan); UNIVERSITY 2 (own goal, R. Leszczynski) CROATIA 1 (L. Sack); PHOENIX 1 (Hanley) METRO 0.

STANDINGS

Juventus.....	11	1	2	36	12	23
Olympia.....	7	4	3	32	12	18
University.....	9	5	3	33	24	18
Rapid.....	8	1	5	31	20	17
Metro.....	3	4	7	17	26	10
Caledonians.....	4	2	8	27	17	10
Croatia.....	2	9	13	26	8	8
Phoenix.....	3	9	11	33	8	8

"Michael The Tailor" Goalscoring Award:

9 — P. Crowther (Uni), R. Leszczynski (Uni)
8 — K. Morton (Juv), W. Kirkpatrick (Rapid), P. Sherman (Oly)
7 — I. Parker (Calles), T. Banaghan (Calles)
6 — F. Genovesi (Juv)



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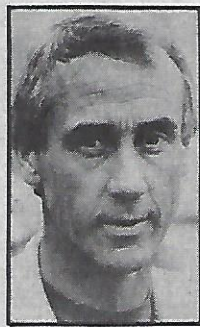
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Egan warms up for Hakoah



Rosebud coach Willie Gallagher.

**SM-Hellas 7
New-Rosebud 0**
Scorers: Brown 17th, Egan 21st, 48th, 76th and 85th, Davidson 40th, Blair 59th.
Venue: Middle Park
Referee: Bernie Upjohn 5
Cautions: Boogaard sent off 70th

South Melbourne Hellas coach Len McKendry gave a new meaning to the word "unplayable" after this scintillating performance in which Hellas could have won by a cricket score.

"It was a great overall performance — we were virtually unplayable," McKendry said, obviously inferring that nobody — but nobody — could have stopped Hellas on the day.

"The thing is, we've been



Peter Desira

threatening to do this for months. It's great though that it happened just a week before we play Sydney City. We should get a good crowd and that ought to lift the team even further," McKendry said.

And the coach is not even worried that a touch of over-confidence may creep into the Hellas side after such a one-sided affair.

"What happened out there today shows we are learning to

Man of the Match:
CHARLIE EGAN
(SM Hellas)

kill sides when we've got them down. It was great to see the players going for the extra goals regardless of what the score was. In the past, Hellas tended to relax once it built a two-goal lead.

"The other good thing that happened today was Charlie Egan's goalscoring burst ... he has been playing so well without scoring. Today he could've got 12."

Hellas subdued Rosebud's spirited opening with a spectacular Doug Brown goal. Given half a yard of space he

connected with a Carl Halford cross from the right with an overhead kick which completely deceived Michael Hampton to start a horror day for the keeper.

Egan got the first of his four goals in the 21st minute with a simple header at the far post after Alan Davidson had touched on Brown's corner kick at the near post.

Hampton somehow stopped a shot by John Yzendoorn which deflected off Ken Murphy's leg, then Egan slammed the ball against the crossbar, and was later brought down in the area with referee Upjohn ignoring claims for a penalty.

All that happened before Rosebud got its first real scoring attempt at goal, with Andrew Johns meeting a Joe Senkalski cross from the left and bringing a good save from Peter Laumets, in the 39th minute.

A minute later, Hellas shot to a 3-0 lead with another cross from Halford falling nicely for Davidson for the midfielder to head in.

The floodgates opened after the break. Doug Brown put Halford away down the right, and the midfielder's cross by the byline was tucked away by Egan at the far post two minutes into the second half.

Brown and Steve Blair had efforts saved before the fifth arrived courtesy of a foul by Andrew Thompson on Egan on the left side just outside the area.

Hampton was nowhere in sight as Blair got up at the back post to head in Brown's free kick.

Mike Boogaard added the next sorry episode for Rosebud, reacting to back-chatting by Egan with an uppercut that Barry Michael would be proud of and the referee had no alternative but to send the defender off, especially after Egan had made such a good job of hitting the deck like a dying swan.

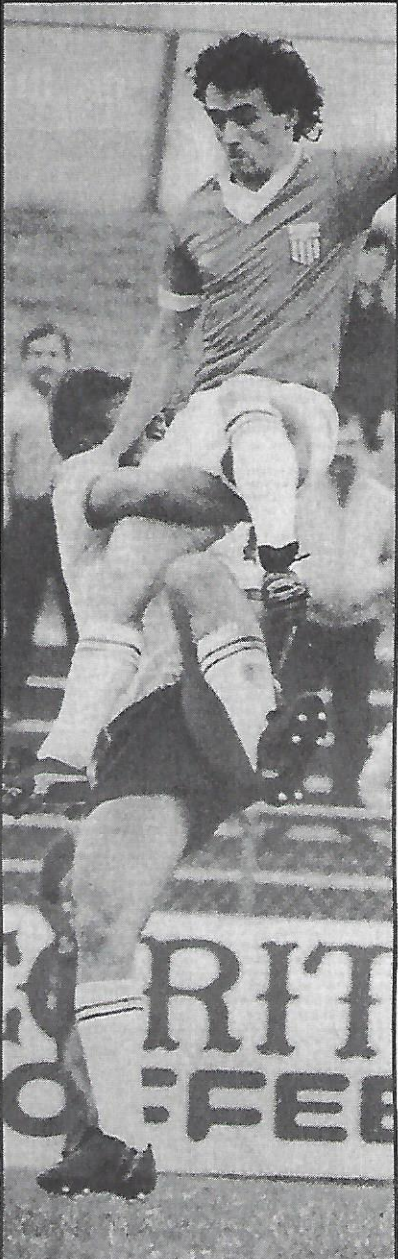
Within six minutes of the sending off, Egan recovered enough to add Hellas' sixth, this time after Angie Postecoglou had started the move which again included Brown in the build-up.

Egan then had two shots cleared off the line by Neville Power before getting his fourth and Hellas's seventh in the 85th minute — this time with a simple tap-in after Hampton had failed to hold a shot by Halford from outside the box.

Egan claimed the match ball after the game but paid credit to the side's midfielders for setting up the chances.

Fawkner v. J.U.S.T.

Leading Victorian State League club Fawkner will play Footscray J.U.S.T. in a friendly match at Smith Reserve tonight (Wednesday). The game kicks off at 7pm.



One way to stop Charlie Egan — grab him by the leg, the way Mike Boogaard does in this picture by LES SHORROCK

Kyriakouleas out, crowds down in SA

By FRANK PANGALLO

**WA-Hellas 1
Footscray JUST 2**

Scorers: Karic, Lujic (JUST); Honeyman pen (WA)
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium
Crowd: 650
Referee: Mark Browning, 7
Cautions: Hazabent (F), Manou (WA)

Man of the Match:
TOM KARIC
(JUST)

Footscray JUST, already without Dragan, Lacmanovic and Vlatko Belic who were suspended, lost also its fearsome centre back Kyri Kyriakouleas in this victory, which sent West Adelaide Hellas plunging to the depths of despair, and possible relegation.

Kyriakouleas tore ligaments in his ankle during the match, and will miss up to three matches. Certainly a replacement will have to be found for him against Canberra Arrows at Bruce Stadium on Sunday.

On the credit side, both Lac-

manovic and Belic will be back. Jim Tansey probably will play sweeper, and Gary McDowell stopper.

WA-Hellas's opponent in the inter-conference challenge round, is St George Budapest, and on this performance, Hellas can't be at all confident of a result.

Both Adelaide clubs have been in the horrors for most of the season and that has been highlighted by an alarming tapering off in attendances.

A feeble 650 turned out to watch last Sunday's effort, making it one of the lowest crowd figures on record in a city which once boasted of its big crowds.

If there was an argument against continuing the local involvement in a regionalised competition, the evidence was there last Sunday. The paucity turnout showed how hard clubs must work just to try to break even.

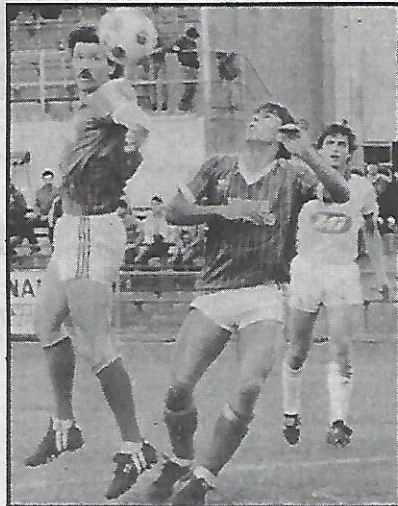
WA-Hellas' horrendous run without a win is going into its third month.

But Sam Salabasidis' young charges didn't deserve to go down against JUST.

In a fairly even match, Hellas had a bagful of chances, mostly in the first half.

JUST was able to absorb Hellas' relentless running and do its damage on the counter-attack.

JUST held the edge through Joe Carroll, Suleiman Curovic



Graham Honeyman (left) of WA-Hellas heads towards JUST's goal at Hindmarsh Stadium. At centre is John Panagis and at right Igor Hazabent. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

and Tom Karic who had the experience and that extra touch of class Hellas didn't. And it was to be the difference.

Karic opened the scoring two minutes into the second half with a brilliantly-executed free kick from the edge of the area.

Karic fired a powerful shot over the rather small wall of players and into the top left corner. Sproul, who should have had that corner covered, had no chance.

Carroll nearly caught Sproul out again a few minutes later with a powerful 30-metre drive against the bar.

But Hellas clawed its way back into the game after Salabasidis had made a number of crucial positional changes.

Manou was switched from midfield into defence, with Honeyman and McGachey

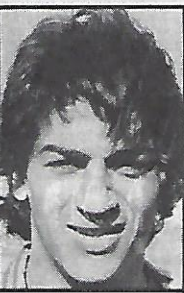
pushing into the middle. The move almost paid off immediately, with Honeyman sending in a well-timed lob which Tim Brown smacked against the far post.

With Hellas enjoying most of the play, JUST extended its lead when Zdravko Lujic deceived the Hellas defence to score.

Hellas continued its assault but found JUST too solid and desperate.

Eight minutes from the end Gary McDowell brought down George Konstantopoulos and referee Browning gave the penalty.

Dennis Boland saved Honeyman's attempt but Browning ordered the kick retaken because Boland had moved (one of those extremely rare occasions a referee bothers to take notice!).



Kyri Kyriakouleas

Jurin, Rezo sparkle

**Syd Croatia 2
Brisb Lions 1**

Scorers: Arnold Clinch (Syd G), J. Stewart (BL)
Venue: King Tomislav

A forceful display by star import Zeljko Jurin powered Sydney Croatia to this win.

Playing on a sodden surface and often in steady rain, the teams turned on an exhilarating exhibition.

Both teams created a succession of chances and Croatia coach Harry Noon said the score could well have been 6-5.

While Jurin made more

Man of the Match:
WALLY SAVOR
(Syd Croatia)

breaks than anyone with the possible exception of team mate Wally Savor, he often was penalised by referee Ken Small for a string of minor offences.

Jurin will be a regular with the club while sweeper Vedran Rozic of Hajduk Split and winger Emil Dragicevic of Dinamo Zagreb are guest

players for the rest of the season.

Rozic played a masterly game at the back, and Dragicevic's clearance is expected to arrive during the week.

The Lions could count themselves unlikely not to have returned home with a point. They opened with crisp passing and quick breaks and had the pressure on Croatia during long stretches of the second half.

Striker Graham Arnold opened the scoring for Croatia in the 29th minute after Jurin had eluded his marker Steve Jackson with a glorious burst along the left touchline.

In the first half, Lions striker Calvin Daunt was involved in accidental clashes with both David Rezo and Dragan Tomasic.

Rezo bruised his back and was replaced by Steve Meads. Arnold also suffered a knock and was treated after the game for a facial injury.

In the 57th minute Croatia's right winger Shane Clinch accelerated smartly to score after breaking through the middle and leaving Lions' midfielder Ray Junna in his wake.

Fellow midfielder John Stewart stunned the home crowd with a goal 11 minutes later after a breathtaking three-man move.

Lions goalkeeper Rob Farrow in one sequence made three splendid saves to keep his team well in the game.



Philip Micallef

**Wollongong 0
Penrith 2**

Venue: Wollongong Showground.
Crowd: Approximately 900
Referee: Rampley 9

Wollongong is prepared for a huge crisis in the coming weeks — but not because of this loss to Penrith.

Wolves officials are concerned with a more serious matter.

Wollongong, which has only just managed to overcome a financial crisis which hit the club last year, has been dealt a body blow by the NSL's draw for 1984.

Wollongong's match against Penrith was in fact the club's last home game until September 9.

Due to an amazing set of circumstances, Wollongong will play its next match in Wollongong in six weeks' time.

On Sunday the Wolves travel to Melbourne to meet George Cross in the first of their six away matches on the trot.

Wollongong director, Len Chaffer said the club would have no means of earning any money for the next six weeks.

"This is an amazing situation — it is ridiculous,"

Wollongong crisis

Chaffer said, "Nowhere in the world would a First Division club be asked to play six matches away."

"We need the money to pay our players."

The trouble stemmed from the NSL's delay last year in formulating the 1984 draw.

"We therefore were unable to book Wollongong Showground so when our NSL matches clashed with those of the Illawarra Steelers in the Sydney Rugby League competition we were forced to alter the draw accordingly."

Chaffer said the club might get into the position of not being able to pay its players on time.

Man of the Match:
ROY COTTON
(Penrith)

Meanwhile, former Wolves striker Roy Cotton had a field day at the weekend.

The powerful forward who left Wollongong in the off season scored a fabulous goal in the first half and laid on another for his fellow striker Brian Jackson, to confirm his reputation of not being neces-

sarily a great scorer of goals but a scorer of great goals.

After 37 minutes he fired a superb rising shot from just outside the area, which rocketed past goalkeeper Ron Tilzed and in the second half he pinpointed a marvellous cross for Jackson to run in from the blind side of Wollongong's defence and slip the ball past the helpless Tilzed.

These two "magic" moments were the highlights of a mediocre match in which Penrith always looked the more organised side.

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Venue: Chaplin Reserve.
Crowd: about 5000.
Cautions: Scerri (SGC),
Blasby (Cr), Parton (Cr).
Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

Croatia hasn't conceded a goal in seven matches but Shaun Parton, the resolute centre back who helped establish that record, won't be there when his team clashes with Sydney Olympic at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Parton was shown the yellow card in the game against Sunshine-George Cross last Sunday, pushing him over the penalty points maximum, and causing him to be suspended for one match.

Peter Lewis, who played first in midfield and then at right back against George Cross, will take Parton's place as stopper against Olympic.

Drago Deankovic was replaced last Sunday to make way for Steve Gojevic in the second half, but both will play against Olympic, and Jim Campbell again will be on the bench, providing Josip Biskic shakes off a slight leg injury.

George Cross meanwhile, should feel pleased with its gritty performance against Croatia, and is almost certain to beat Wollongong at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

Now that Green Gully is surging up the ladder, George Cross is in danger of being left hopelessly behind if it doesn't win at least the easy ones. Wollongong, last on the Australian Conference ladder, simply does not have the players to survive with George Cross, if the home team puts as much vigor into its marking and its closing down as it did against Croatia.

What a find Roger Bain has been in defence. This former forward or midfielder was switched to the back by coach Billy Wilkinson only a few

Shaun Parton to miss Olympic; 'Cross on the rise

Man of the Match: SHAUN PARTON (Melb. Croatia)

weeks ago and he's proved a tough customer there, especially in tight situations.

A great change also has come over Stobodan Jovanovic. Previously he wasn't at all renowned as a tough guy, but last Sunday he marked Josip Biskic virtually out of the match, he tackled hard, managed even a few headers and still was able to play his usual skilful, creative game when in possession.

Ossie Latif worked like a slave, coming back to fetch the ball, and Don MacLaren and Jeff Faulkner were ever active in midfield.

With this sort of commitment, George Cross appears to have what it takes to avoid relegation. But who then, faces the big drop? Probably not Green Gully, which hammered Juventus 4-1 at the weekend and beat West Adelaide Hellas 2-1 the previous week. Next in line is Makedonia, which has only 14 points after losing 1-2 to Adelaide City Juventus. Can it be possible that after spending \$50,000 on new players, Makedonia will be relegated? For Makedonia's sake, I certainly hope not, but then, anything's possible in the current state of play.

And who will go up? Fawcner remains on top of the State League ladder although it dropped a point to St Albans; Morwell Falcons retains the best defensive record in the league; Polonia will improve as Janusz Przybyla is on his way back, and Box Hill is undefeated for 16 consecutive games now.

Of those four, Box Hill probably would have less hassles than the others, player-wise, for its young team would not have to be altered for the NSL, and it would have a long lifespan.

The other three would have to make a lot of personnel changes, as some of their players are not getting any younger.

Not that any of this makes any difference, of course, because to be promoted, you have to win the championship — and I still believe the championship will go to either Fawcner or Polonia.

Back to Croatia, which is undefeated for 11 matches now, counting four National Cup games. Its last loss was to SM-Hellas 0-2 on May 6. Its results since have been: 0-0 v JUST, 1-0 v Green Gully, 1-0 v Makedonia, 3-0 v Juventus, 2-0 v Adelaide City Juventus, 1-0 v Brisbane City, 0-0 v George Cross and in the Cup, 4-3 v Green Gully, 2-0 v Makedonia, 4-1 v Heidelberg-Alexander and 2-1 v Brisbane Lions.

The main goalscorers during that outstanding run have been David McEneaney (8), Robert Markovic (4), Tommy Cumming (2), Shaun Parton (2) and Jojo Antolovic (2).

Croatia didn't perform as well as it could have on Sunday due to a combination of two factors — the resolute resistance offered by George Cross and the fact that coach Tony Vrzina had changed his team to give Peter Lewis a full 90 minutes after sitting on the bench for so long.

Lewis was lost in the midfield and Tommy Cumming, who has been partnering Antolovic in the middle in previous games, wasn't as effective on the left wing.

Antolovic, incidentally, has improved dramatically since early in the year. Against George Cross he was, once more, elegance personified and he also showed a lot of determination — especially in flying to get his head to a cross by Biskic in the 71st minute, and sending the header just past the post.

Tony Curcio as sweeper and Shaun Parton as stopper were a near faultless combination in defence, and George Hannah, but Bobby Toal out of the game, although Toal was unlucky not to score with a header which goalkeeper Peter Blasby turned for a corner in the 63rd minute.

Croatia threatened for the first time in the 10th minute when Robert Markovic outsped Steve Scerri into the box, but put his shot across the face of goal. Scerri was having a lot of trouble against every forward who confronted him. In fact, Brogan, Markovic and Cumming had little trouble turning Scerri but to his credit, the big central defender picked up his game and improved remarkably after half time.

A brilliant long ball by Jeff Faulkner — playing against his former club for the first time — found Jovanovic on the left in the 34th minute, and Jovanovic laid the ball back to Mick McGorian for George Cross's first scoring effort — a shot that missed in the 34th minute.

Croatia replied with a cross from Deankovic and a header by Lewis that hit the post.

And Cumming played an inspired ball forward into space, for Biskic to run onto, but Biskic misticked just as he looked set to score.

Croatia's other scoring chance came 10 minutes from the end. Brogan ran onto a through ball and faced goalkeeper Tom Costello who, however, spread himself and blocked Brogan's shot.



Triumphant Heidelberg-Alexander players after their 2-0 victory over Brisbane City at Spencer Park. From left, standing: Mike Valentine, Stuart Stevenson, Don Macleod, Ian McKie, Scott Patterson, Charlie Yankos, Joe Angele, Jeff Oliver, Steve Winn. Front: Brian Garvey (left), John Metaxas, Mike Petersen, Theo Selemidis, Paul Tzitzis. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

Bergers dance in City's graveyard

Bris City 0 Heidelberg 2

Scorers: Stevenson 66th,
Winn 72nd.
Venue: Spencer Park.
Referee: Alan Kibbler 9.

Brisbane City coach Joe Gilroy described Spencer Park as "the graveyard of our game" after his team was outplayed 2-0 by Heidelberg-Alexander.

The loss continued City's unenviable record of only one win at home this season. Amazingly, the side is among the Conference's best outside of Brisbane.

"I don't know what the answer is. We have tried absolutely everything to win at home but nothing has come off," Gilroy said, devoid of answers at a time when the City supporters are demanding a home victory.

For Heidelberg, the win was not as impressive as Hellas' seven-goal thrashing of Newcastle, but it still kept the Victorians on level points with Hellas at the top of the table.

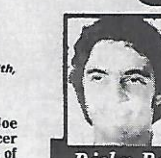
And the 'Bergers have City defender Frank Liddell to thank for the breakthrough which swung the match their way when a draw was looking the likely outcome.

Liddell, normally faultless, played a loose backpass which Heidelberg's new signing Stuart Stevenson snapped up. Stevenson easily rounded the stranded Kim Wishart and although seemingly taking an eternity, eventually tucked the ball away.

Unhappily for Liddell it was his second mistake in as many weeks, and cruelly he has been punished for both.

A week ago, against Melbourne Croatia, Liddell missed a clearance which gave David Brogan a dream shot, which rebounded for Robert Markovic to score.

"When one of your best players makes a mistake like



Ricky Rosso

that, what do the other players think?" Gilroy said after the Heidelberg loss.

With the goal under the belt, Heidelberg stepped up the pace and Theo Selemidis and Mick Valentine began dominating the centre of the park.

Alexander continually pressured the City defence, although having few shots on goal, and it seemed only a matter of time before the second goal would be scored.

And six minutes after the first goal, Steve Winn rose unchallenged in the City box to head home a Valentine corner.

It was a goal much of the crowd missed, as commotion had broken out in one part of the stands as a group of supporters jeered Gilroy on the City bench.

And while the City coach has been critical of some of his players in recent weeks, he had to take a large part of the blame for this loss.

City was very competitive with Melbourne Croatia, and Gilroy said himself mid-week that it would be wrong to make rash changes.

Yet when the City side took the park there were no less than three key changes.

Steve Perry, returning from injury, understandably came in for the injured Fran Mengotti at right back, but Gilroy opted for Luciano Fabrizio in midfield ahead of Ken Swan and Steve Walsh up front for Bobby Hamilton.

Fabrizio was never in the game, while Walsh seldom got

Man of the Match: KIM WISHART (Brisbane City)

good service and did little with the ball when he did.

The disorganisation in the City side was never more evident than in the opening 10 minutes when Heidelberg could have raced to a 2-0 lead but for the brilliance of keeper Kim Wishart.

In the sixth minute Wishart turned away a Selemidis near post glance off a Valentine corner while a minute later the big keeper was all class when he blocked a shot from Stevenson in a one-on-one situation after a fortunate bounce for the Alexander import.

Sadly, that early excitement was to be the only entertainment of the half and the match degenerated into a game of "force-em-back" between sweepers Charlie Yankos and Mick Milovanovic.

Yankos probably won, with

one clearance which breached the two penalty areas.

Alexander coach Brian Garvey demanded a better footbalting approach from his side in the second half, an instruction which was not really answered until Heidelberg had the luxury of a one-goal lead.

City's best scoring opportunity came five minutes from time when Jeff Oliver, who hardly had seen the ball, was suddenly confronted by Hamilton who had weaved through the Heidelberg defence.

Oliver came off his line, and Hamilton needed only to chip his opponent, but instead put his attempt high and hard over the cross bar.

Finally, special mention must be made of the fine performance by referee Alan Kibbler, having his first game top grade back since being included in the George Orfanidis send-off controversy at Lang Park during the international series.

Kibbler was faultless in his handling of the match and showed great discretion in controlling players from both sides without the use of a card of any colour.

Blacktown loses two-goal lead



George Streeter

Man of the Match: STUART SELVAJE (Blacktown)

Blacktown 2 APIA 2

Scorers: Eaton 6th, Pointer 23rd, Braddley 68th, Dunleavy 77th.
Venue: Gabbie.
Crowd: 550.
Referee: Tim Davies 9.
Cautions: Dunleavy, Brown.

After a series of disappointing results, Blacktown surprised APIA at the Gabbie, took a commanding 2-0, lead then frittered away its advantage in the closing stages of the match.

Brett Thornthwaite did the lead up work to Blacktown's opening goal after only six minutes of this match. His final chip was volleyed home by Clive Eaton with APIA's defence in tatters.

Spurred by this success, the home side came forward looking for another and after 23 minutes scored through Cliff Pointer. It was a fine header by Pointer from a cross by Stuart Selvahe which beat Parks and looked to have APIA's faith in this match.

And while Blacktown looked

first period, APIA put it all together in the second period.

Ironically it was soon after Gary Byrne's Point-blank shot was saved by Bobby Parks that APIA gained control to score its first goal. Ian Gray put in a useful cross which eluded a few defenders and John Bradley was on the spot to score from close range.

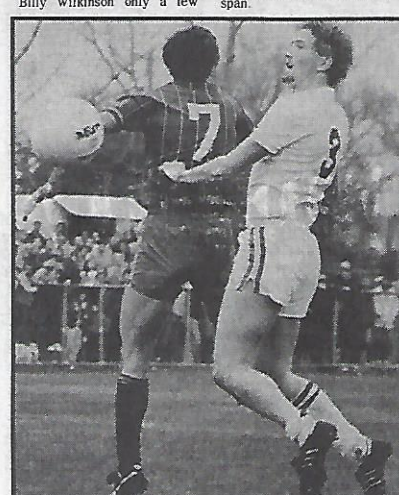
With only one goal separating the two teams, APIA came storming home and had the home side fighting for breath.

The Demons managed to hold onto their one-goal lead until a 77th-minute stroke of fortune helped APIA equalise. Tony Morsello's drive was blocked by Barry Hoare then bounced off Dunleavy and into the net!

In the end it was a fair result, as APIA applied a lot of pressure on the home side during this match. It was certainly deserved more.

Both sides played some attractive soccer under heavy conditions and even the referee, Tim Davies, got into the act by slipping on the wet grass.

Davies fell to the ground, then rolled for some metres before stopping. His big smile indicated that it was an enjoyable experience and it was hard to understand why all the players who took a tumble



Shaun Parton (right) of Croatia, heads clear of Mick McGorian. Picture by WAYNE LUDBEY.

Eagles draw in injury time

St. George Melita Eagles

Scorers: Ratcliffe 48th,
Wilson 92nd.
Venue: St. George Stadium.
Crowd: 1,723.
Referee: Doug Rennie 8.
Cautions: Davies, Ratcliffe.

An entertaining duel full of thrills and spills ended with a division of points much to the chagrin of Frank Arok, the coach of St. George.

With the home team poised for a narrow victory, the referee allowed almost three minutes of extra time, with Melita causing damage one minute and 25 seconds into extra time, scoring through Ken Wilson to snatch a draw.

In fact Saints had the time to come back and have a free

kick outside Melita's penalty area soon after Wilson's equaliser.

Ratcliffe's shot rebounded to Koczka who was on the corner line and some eight metres from goal. As he was prepared to push a dangerous cross into the area the whistle sounded for the end of the match.

And while Frank Arok may rue the time given to Melita for the equaliser one cannot help the feeling that Melita could have had that equaliser in the 74th minute when a great through ball by Jamieson found Griffiths too fast for Sken on the left flank. With only Young to beat, Griffiths slotted his shot wide.

Kenny Wilson, Melita's star player, came desperately close with some eight minutes remaining. Following a McKie cross, Ken Wilson was at the



Alex Vesic

far post, measured his header to perfection, then hit it hard under the crossbar, but with cat-like reflexes Warwick Young tipped it over the bar.

Saints had their own share of chances and could so easily have run away with this game during the opening of the second period.

Man of the Match: WARWICK YOUNG St. George

half chances very little in the way of a fair possibility was offered.

Soon after the restart Saints looked to have taken command in this match. A free kick by David Ratcliffe three minutes into the half was dropped over the line by Chris Hummel to give Saints the lead and from then on it looked just a matter of time before Saints would score another.

Ricov grazed the crossbar in the 52nd, Koczka beat McAusland twice to gain an opening but his finishing was poor, then

Andy Koczka "rolled" McAusland yet again, and entered Melita's penalty area before pushing his pass to Pedro Ricov some 12 metres from goal. Alas, the finishing touch was sadly missing yet again and Melita lived to fight a few minutes more.

In fact that particular chance to Saints came at a time when Melita applied a lot of pressure on Warwick Young's goal and Saints defence looked very shaky.

In the end John McKie made an effort to chase and find himself out on the left flank and almost on the corner line before cutting his pass back for Ken Wilson to push his left-footer wide of Young.

That was the equaliser and the one which kept Melita in touch with the leaders, while the champions are still languishing in the lower part of the

Soper on outer over fine

Five-point lead for Hakoah!

**SC-Hakoah 4
Syd. Olympic 3**

Scorers: Lee (H) 25th, Raskopoulos (O) 41st, Rodrigues (H) 49th, Lee (H) 73rd, Patikas (O) 77th, O'Connor (H) 84th, Dakos (O) 88th.

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.
Crowd: 1559.
Referee: Power 9.

Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson was all smiles and full of "praise" for his opposite number, Manfred Schaefer, for not having Marshall Soper in the Olympic line-up for this eagerly-awaited match.

"There is no other player I'd rather see missing from their team against us," Thomson told anyone who was willing to listen.

And why was soccer's enfant terrible conspicuous by his absence?

There were rumors galore about doctors' certificates and the like.

However, the real story is that Soper has had a run-in with his club and coach over non-attendance at training.

A fine was levied on him, followed by an exchange of words at a team meeting.

I have no doubt that the relationship between club and player isn't all it should be.

There's much talk about a transfer next year to home-town Newcastle, but whether the northerners could afford the huge transfer and signing-on fee involved is questionable.

Adding to the turmoil within the Greek club, a group of recalcitrant supporters — numbering a few dozen — thought it less important to support their team than to lobby outside the ground for a boycott of the match. Why? Apparently because they were angry over the last encounter between the two clubs.

Inside, on a dark, rainy, windy day, there was action galore, with yet another of Thomson's "young lions" showing his claws in the top grade.

This time it was Ean Rodrigues at right back, playing an impeccable defensive game — and scoring a spectacular 35-



Peter Scott

metre goal just before half time.

It came after a corner kick was not cleared completely, part of a pattern which saw Hakoah score all of its goals from set plays, the other three all coming after free kicks.

Grant Lee capitalised on dead ball situations from the boots of Joe Watson and Rodrigues, while Steve O'Connor recalled his Soccerero scoring exploits by heading home from Watson.

Because of this naiveite in the rear, Olympic always was behind the eight ball, constantly trying to play catch-up after failing to break the 0-0 deadlock during 20 minutes of domination at the start.

But shaky defence was not the exclusive preserve of the visitors, with Tony Pezzano not quite his reliable self in the Hakoah goal.

He fell for a dummy by Nick Theodorakopoulos to allow a long-range lobbed free kick by Peter Raskopoulos to land in his net and got stuck on his line 13 minutes from the end when Graham Jennings made his only telling foray of the match along the left wing and his low cross was allowed to flash across the goalmouth for a hitherto ineffective Jim Patikas to stick it high into the net.

Just before the end Tony Dakos managed to slip through a Hakoah defence already content to write the match off as a win, to narrow the margin once again — but it was much too late to make a difference.

Praise is due to Mike Condy, who was John Kosmina's shadow throughout and did the job effectively.

Unfortunately for his side, this allowed the Soccerero skipper to lead him on a merry chase all over the pitch, creating gaps for Hakoah's other stars to fill.

Two points lost for Olympic, but many valuable lessons that can be put to good use if learnt in time.

As for Hakoah, it's a gaping gap of five points at the top of the table again — and more goals scored and less conceded than any other club in the NSL. Can anything more be asked of them?

Just a final word of praise for referee Gary Power, not always my favorite whistler,

**Man of
the Match:
EAN RODRIGUES
(SC-Hakoah)**

but doing an impeccable job in a match full of tension between the start and played in conditions which were not conducive to disciplined soccer.

**Hakoah angry
at NSL**

The players, fans, coach and management of Sydney City Hakoah are livid at the NSL's decision to play the Inter-Conference challenge against South Melbourne Hellas in Melbourne this weekend.

This is the second such fixture between the two leading clubs of the NSL of the moment, and both were scheduled for the Victorian capital.

Hakoah chairman Sam Fiszman bluntly stated that the league and ASF Marketing had not been interested in the anticipated extra revenue. It was more interested in the two premiership points at stake.

His view was fully supported by Eddie Thomson, who is fuming at the fact that these artificially-conceived fixtures handicap top sides and give the also-runs unfair advantages.

Hakoah's management is also on the offensive about previous decisions by the league and ASF Marketing about matters as diverse as the lack of a fair share of home games, advertising rights at the club's home ground, being forced to play a deferred home fixture away from the club's home ground earlier this year and the singling out of national captain John Kosmina for pilorying by the NSL management committee.

The latter refers to last week's citing following a complaint by Melita Eagles for a gesture by Kosmina in the aftermath of a goal scored by him.

Coach Thomson has forcefully pointed out that players offending in an identical manner — one in a match covered by television the same week — were not dealt with, nor were crowds of misbehaving supporters at several grounds this year who have harassed and even attempted to assault Hakoah players this year.

"Gestures earn reprimands but spitting at our players, stoning our bench or having bricks smash our locker room windows doesn't," he said. "We never indulged in citing other clubs for such misbehaviour. Perhaps the time has come to change that policy."

**Man of
the Match:
STUART CANNELL
(Green Gully)**

Craig Mackenzie

when Mancinelli and Lloyd clashed and didn't hesitate in waving the red card under their noses. It was a blow for Juventus, more than Green Gully, for Juve really struggled up front nowadays.

Joe Sweeney is a sad loss for Juventus. Ward battles away with little support, often competing against two opponents, yet still runs the gauntlet of abuse from Juventus fans, who seem unable to appreciate that Sweeney's absence has left Ward carrying the flag alone up front.

Lloyd, a tremendous competitor, scored Juve's goal — the best of the game — but that's a rarity for Lloyd, and sadly for Juventus.

But let's talk about Green Gully's revival which surely now has gathered momentum. The green and whites got the start they dreamed of when former Juventus striker Bobby McGuinness struck in the sixth minute. McGuinness, the 1981 Victorian Rothmans Medal

winner, was on a near impossible scoring angle on the right of the Juventus area. He drove the ball in hard, it took a slight deflection, and Sean Keogh, who had committed himself, couldn't change direction quickly enough to save at the near post.

Gully piled on the pressure early and after two Juventus players took swings at a bouncing ball, just outside their area in the 15th minute, and missed, in came Carter. He hammered a left-foot volley into the top far corner. It was 2-1 to Gully.

With Ward and Lloyd getting no change from Stuart Cannell and Steve McClelland, it was up to Andrew Zinni and Robbie Cullin, Juve's wide players, to try to take men on and get in behind them and stretch Gully at the back. Zinni slung over a few good crosses but Juventus couldn't capitalise.

Until Lloyd made his mark in the 36th minute with a gem of a goal. He got clear just outside the Gully area and as the ball bounced up in front of him



Marshall Soper — at loggerheads with Olympic

Arrows blunted in counter-attacks

**Canberra 0
Marconi 2**

Scorers: Lowe 31st minute, Sharpe, 72nd minute.

Venue: National Sports Centre.

Crowd: 960.

Cautions: Spanos, McCulloch.

Ref: Vince Celestino 7.

Despite atrocious conditions — with heavy rain falling from start to finish — Marconi plucked goals from the mud in each half to down Canberra Arrows 2-0 at the National Sports Centre.

But full marks to Canberra for aggression and pressure.

Both Marconi goals came against the run of play.

The old maxim: they lost but went down fighting, was justly earned by Canberra. For me the biggest disappointment was the mediocrity of the usually brilliant Frank Farina.

After his brilliance during the world series Farina has yet to resettle and find his form in NSL soccer.

Despite the appalling conditions the 960 brave souls who watched were entertained by a fine encounter.

Sheer opportunism gave Marconi its goals against the run of play. A full marks to the big men of their back-line, Tony Henderson and Steve Calderan, and to goalkeeper, Bruce James.



Peter Windsor

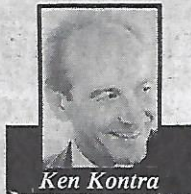
Canberra persisted with the high ball but James was equal to everything thrown at him. Calderan and Henderson also excelled — as did midfielder Tommy McCulloch.

Canberra began strongly yet it was Marconi who came the closest to scoring after 20 minutes. McCulloch and Jankovics worked a neat one-two movement and McCulloch found Jankovics in the open — and only the razor sharp reflexes of Canberra's goalkeeper Frankenstein saved the day when he forced Jankovics into a hurried shot that saw the midfielder fire just wide.

Within a minute Canberra stormed into attack and a great volley by Andrew Brockbank forced James to make a fine, fingertip save.

In the 31st minute Marconi earned a free kick and McCulloch chipped it chest-high to the unmarked David Lowe who, inside the box, shot quickly and the ball went into the net after first hitting the post.

It may have been against the run of play but it counted.



Ken Kontra

Juve's discipline wins the day

**Makedonia 1
AC-Juventus 2**

Scorers: Balevski 10th, Melta pen 45th; McMillan own goal 83rd.

Yellow cards: Dobson, Melta, Villani.

Red card: Villani.

Referee: D. Voutsinas 6.

Despite its territorial and, after Charlie Villani's early departure, numerical advantage, Makedonia was unable to defeat and organised and disciplined Adelaide Juventus.

Its supporters must be wondering how long it will take before the team manages to climb out of the slump and start producing results commensurate with its ability. Makedonia is not playing as

**Man of
the Match:
SERGIO MELTA
(AC-Juventus)**

a unit. The effort is there and there are flashes of individual brilliance, but tactically there are many problems for new coach Frank McAleer to rectify.

To turn possession into positive goal chances is one of the major problems, and this can only be achieved if, instead of players trying to solve the problem on their own, they all channel their efforts together in a disciplined fashion.

In midfield, Zarko Odzakovic indulged in showing off his dribbling ability, seldom releasing the ball in time, thus allowing the opposition to defend in numbers. Robbie Dunn ran himself into the ground in the first half and was seldom sighted in the second half. The same applied to Jim Balevski. After scoring a fine early goal, he practically disappeared after half time.

Without the suspended Claude Lucchesi, Makedonia had nobody up forward to hold the ball or offer himself with his back to the opponent's goal and as a consequence, most of Makedonia's attacks resembled the charge of the light brigade.

Gary Cole just does not fit into Makedonia's current pattern of play. He is not getting the service he requires. On the other hand, he never stopped trying. In the 38th minute, Cole used the ball when in possession. It is a pity that the big man can not get amongst the goals, but he does contribute and was one of Makedonia's better players in this match.

After some early pressure, Makedonia went into the lead, when Bugsy Nyskohus failed to clear "On Opanis" cross in the 10th minute, allowing Jim Balevski to nip in and hammer the ball past Willie McNally.

In the 38th minute, George McMillan returned the compliment when he completely misjudged a harmless looking cross. The ball dropped in front of the somewhat surprised Pat Di Vito and Steve Potter did well to save his shot from 10 metres.

Just on half time, Juventus equalised against the run of play. Makedonia lost concentration, allowing Alex Tobin to run 40 metres with the ball unchallenged, and his cross from the left was handled by Odzakovic inside the area.

Sergio Melta made no mistake from the spot. Melta, incidentally, had an excellent game.

In the second half Makedonia still had more possession, but seldom looked like scoring except from set pieces due to the aerial ability of Ian Dobson.

In the 65th minute Juve was reduced to 10 men when Charlie Villani, the recipient of a yellow card in the first half, was sent off for handling the ball.

True, he handled the ball but it appeared to be a reflex reaction rather than an intentional one. At any rate, Makedonia failed to take advantage of its good fortune and had no idea how to break down the determined Juve defence.

Tragedy struck for Makedonia in the 83rd minute. Juventus counter attacked on the left and Steve Maxwell's cross was deflected into goal by George McMillan under pressure from Pat Di Vito.

**B. Juventus 1
Green Gully 4**

Scorers: Lloyd 36th (BJ), McGuinness 6th, Carter 15th, Lewis 75th, 80th (GG).

Venue: Olympic Park No. 2.

Crowd: 1011.

Cautions: Brown, Dowie, Ward (BJ).

Sent off: Mancinelli (GG), Lloyd (BJ).

Referee: Stuart Mellings 7.

Bobby McLachlan will cringe if he reads this. Nevertheless, let's say it. Green Gully can finish in the top five in the National Conference this season.

Gully completely outplayed Juventus here. The black and whites had a good 15 minute spell before half time but are so inept going forward, so bereft of ideas, that they rarely troubled Gully goalie Lou Denys, who was injured just before half time and hobbled about throughout the second half.

Kevin Lloyd and Fabio Mancinelli clashed in the 60th minute and were sent off by referee Stuart Mellings. Gully was leading 2-1 at the time and Mancinelli a few minutes earlier had been involved in a clash with Gary Ward. Mellings was right on the spot



Craig Mackenzie

when Mancinelli and Lloyd clashed and didn't hesitate in waving the red card under their noses. It was a blow for Juventus, more than Green Gully, for Juve really struggled up front nowadays.

Joe Sweeney is a sad loss for Juventus. Ward battles away with little support, often competing against two opponents, yet still runs the gauntlet of abuse from Juventus fans, who seem unable to appreciate that Sweeney's absence has left Ward carrying the flag alone up front.

Lloyd, a tremendous competitor, scored Juve's goal — the best of the game — but that's a rarity for Lloyd, and sadly for Juventus.

But let's talk about Green Gully's revival which surely now has gathered momentum. The green and whites got the start they dreamed of when former Juventus striker Bobby McGuinness struck in the sixth minute. McGuinness, the 1981 Victorian Rothmans Medal

he smacked it with his left foot, sending it whistling over Denys and into the roof of the net.

Paul Lewis hadn't done much in the first half, but even the Juventus fans were worried by the threat posed by his pace in the second half, should Juventus get caught out by forward pressing for the equaliser.

And that's exactly what happened.

Gully's third goal, scored by Lewis in the 75th minute, came after a superb inter-passing movement.

David Hogben knocked the ball back to Jim Williams inside Gully's defensive half. Williams played it forward to Carter who touched it off for McGuinness, wide on the left. McGuinness played it inside to Lewis, who turned his man in a flash, charged toward goal, then expertly slotted the ball past advancing Keogh and into the far corner.

Lewis again hit Juventus on the break, this time in the final minute. Keogh did well to push Lewis wide and almost gathered the ball but Lewis followed up and drove it in from a tight angle, with Billy Rogers on the goal line.

Juventus was a sad and sorry bunch at the game's end. In contrast, Gully players belted out their victory song in the dressing rooms.



Kevin Lloyd — sent off against Green Gully

The Gully fans were just as happy. And why not? They'd seen their lads turn in a top display and those Gully fans loyal enough to go early and watch the youth team game would have seen David Smallman showing off his considerable talents.

Yes, things really are looking up at Green Gully these days.

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Green Gully, from left, standing: Robert Krajacic, Paul Wade, Lou Denys, Ron Kremers, Stuart Cannell, Jim Williams, Fabio Mancinelli. Front: David Hogben, Paul Lewis, Les Carter, Willie Vassallo, Bobby McGuiness, Steve McClelland. Missing: Ken Smart, David Smallman, Steve Short, Paul Beranic. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Whatever their chosen league format for 1985, NSL clubs should put up or shut up, says Green Gully president Guy Spiteri. Commenting on the many suggested NSL formats, Spiteri said:

"Each club should come up with \$30,000 up front. That would give us more than enough to run the league. It's a no good saying we'll pay \$40,000 now and \$10,000 in July and the rest at the end of the year. In many cases the clubs just haven't been able to pay."

"If it's compulsory at the start of the year, clubs will have to pay before they use their money on anything else. In Green Gully's case, if we didn't have the cash, we'd borrow it."

"Then with enough in the kitty, the league manager, Steve Kamast, could go out to get sponsorship and money for TV rights, which would be cream on top of the cake."

"The trouble in the past has been talking about all the things we want to do, but not about how to fund them."

Spiteri added: "We have to face facts. In a country like Australia, where travelling costs are so high, we can't run a true national league on the sort of budget we've been framing. Either we go the whole hog, with clubs putting their money up front, or we should scrap it altogether."

He is wary about a proposal to increase the Australian (northern) Conference to 14 clubs and reduce the National (southern) Conference to 10, making it necessary for the National Conference clubs to play against each other three times instead of two. He doubts whether the fans would sustain their interest.

Yet Green Gully profited from its elevation to the NSL until the world series caused a four-week break in the competition.

"Even though the team wasn't doing well, we were trading in the black until the world series, and the disastrous National Cup," Spiteri said.

"The Cup competition really put us behind the eight ball, but before

Has Spiteri the cure for the NSL's ills?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

that, our attendances were up at least 25 per cent on last year's. Home games against Brisbane City and Adelaide City, for example, gave us far better returns than games against Wilhelmina, Croydon and Albion Rovers in the State League."

Trading (including that in the social club) was more profitable even though players' wages went up 50 per cent. Transfer dealings showed a profit, with Bobby McGuiness, Les Carter, Ken Smart and Paul Wade being bought for about \$17,000 and Peter Lewis, Danny Beranic, Eddie Kuzman and Paul Lewis returning about \$20,000. Paul Lewis gave Gully a \$3000 profit — the difference between what Hellas paid for him and the amount for which it sold him back.

Spiteri agrees that Green Gully hasn't yet scratched the surface of the potential soccer support in St. Albans, where the club is situated, but adds that this cannot be done until spectator facilities are improved.

"In February, we put a submission to the Commonwealth Government, through Kellor City Council, for \$250,000 to improve spectator facilities, but we haven't as yet received an answer. The money would be spent on putting steps into the embankment on the eastern side, and covering that area. It was to be done under the Commonwealth employment scheme."

"We've also put in for a joint venture with the City of Kellor to provide another ground entrance plus a toilet block and a canteen at the northern end. The council's estimates committee is to discuss that in September."

"Also, the City of Kellor puts up \$100,000 every year in grants and loans to upgrade social club facilities of sports clubs. This year it's our turn and we're expecting \$15,000 as a grant and \$15,000 as a loan, which we'll use to enlarge the social club's kitchen and improve toilet facilities."

Guy Spiteri and his committee are not totally satisfied with the way the NSL has been run and the way the league competition has been planned. He adds, however, that the management committee has struggled valiantly to be constructive, while at the same time fighting a rear-guard action against political threats to the league's very existence.

About the current format of the league, he says: "In the first 10 weeks of the competition, the format was working fine. Now they're saying that the challenge rounds are no good, because they cost too much in travelling expenses, and none of the clubs has the cash to spare. That wouldn't have been the case had they put their money up front."

He said commonsense planning had been displayed in the choice of venues for the inter-conference challenge round at the weekend. "The league has chosen the venues at which it will reap the optimum return, and that's the way it always should have been."

Our discussion then turned to the Green Gully team. Asked to name the players who had been most successful so far, Spiteri had no hesitation choosing midfielder Paul Wade, who was bought from Croydon City early this year and who played previously with Slavia.

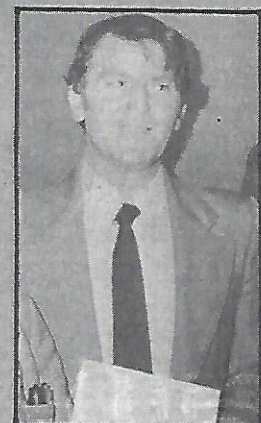
"He gives you 120 per cent in every game and he doesn't know how to give up," Spiteri said. "In my 18 years with Green Gully I haven't seen a player with more determination or potential. Once he matures, and spaces his game a bit more, he will be top-class material. He lives at Hellam on the other side of town and although he has to travel very long distances to train with us three nights a week, I haven't heard him complain once. I give our former coach, Jimmy Rooney, full credit for having pinpointed Wade's ability and brought him to us."

Les Carter, bought from Adelaide City, also has been a tremendous success, and he's developed into a real clubman as well.

There are three factors that prevent us from realising our full potential in the first half of the season. First, we lost Paul Lewis who stood out of the game and then played for Hellas before returning. Then there was the injury to our sweeper, Steve Short, who has just had an operation, and finally there was Peter Lewis' transfer to Melbourne Croatia. Had it not been for those factors, we would have been much, much higher up the ladder."

Spiteri said coach Bobby McLachlan currently was trying to sign a defender from overseas to fill the club's remaining temporary visa vacancy. McLachlan has been offered the coaching job for next year as well and is almost certain to accept. It is he more than anyone who is responsible for the club's successes on the field in recent years, because of his inspired recruiting moves.

Asked whether Gully's 35-year-old Maltese star Willie Vassallo would renew this threat to retire at the end of the season, Spiteri said: "Every year he says he wants to give it away, but we've been extremely happy with his form, and he con-



Guy Spiteri

tinue to amaze everyone with the amount of work he puts into his game."

Vassallo is the former captain of Malta, and was player-coach of Maltese club Floriana.

Green Gully's social club premises at Green Gully Reserve have emerged as one of the most popular meeting spots in St. Albans. It is used for meetings of the St. Albans Rotary Club every Wednesday. It is booked for weddings on many Saturdays, and other organisations which have booked the building include the Green Gully Tennis Club and the Massey Ferguson Social Club.

There are about 200 players at Green Gully — probably 160 of them in the junior teams from under 9 to under 16 levels. The juniors are run by a sub-committee headed by Joe Bayona.

While the social committee runs regular bingo sessions, the junior committee also organises functions. For example, it ran a profitable wrestling night which it hopes will develop into a bi-monthly event.

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GREEN GULLY

By LES SHORROCK

Versatile Smart, classy Carter, ageless Vassallo, Wade great

en made team captain and re he'll be instrumental in the club away from the lion zone.

VE MCLELLAND: Steve most unfortunate debut for lb, breaking his leg in his ame, practically the first e touched the ball in fact, has fought his way back e team with typical te.

He's tough and rugged n sure he's going to prove acquisition.

SMART: "Smarty is a unassuming player who rough a ton of work nobly. My only problem with that I can't make up my about his best position s so versatile."

E HOGGEN: "Dave has sed into a fast, aggressi-acking back who loves to. One of his best charac- is his excellent at- a tribute to his par- who never pushed him. In lubs, parents who are also can become an embar- but this was never the th Hogbens."

WILLIE VASSALLO: "How did Cole Porter put it? Like a good whisky, he gets better and better as the years roll by. That's Willie. Still as enthusiastic as ever, great on the field, even greater off it and a wonderful example to the younger players."

PAUL WADE: "Paul who? Really, if I read once more how good this boy is, I'll have to start believing it. Seriously, though, I've always been against rave reviews about rising young stars (remember Duncan Cummings?). But where Paul is concerned, and looking at him through the eyes of a journalist, it's hard not to get enthusiastic. This boy is going to be great."

JIM WILLIAMS: "Jim's a very confident player who reads the game as well as anyone I know. Back in 1981, Guy Spiteri, Arnold Langer and I went on a buying spree, and of all the players we bought then, I think that Jim Williams was the biggest bargain. Jim's in his fourth year with the club and looking

good for another half a dozen seasons."

LES CARTER: "Les is one of the classiest players in the country, as you would expect with his pedigree. In the hurly-burly, 100 mile an hour rush of the present National League, he stands out like a sore thumb. A great asset."

BOBBY MCGUINNNESS: "As South Melbourne Hellas discovered earlier this year, it can sometimes be a great embarrassment having three strikers for two positions. Since taking over I've used Bobby in a different role and he's responded magnificently, like the true pro he is."

PAUL LEWIS: "If Paul ever gets round to writing his autobiography the title is ready-made. 'Goals are my business'. Before he left his old English club, Chester, his manager told me, 'If it's goals you're after, this is the boy'. Ever since then Paul has more than lived up to his reputation, and there's more, lots more to come."

DAVID SMALLMAN: "...A touch of class... nothing sums up David better. Before I came back, David got himself in a bit of trouble with the club, but that has all been sorted out, and from what I've seen of him on the way a vital part in our survival fight."

STEVE SHORT: "It's really tragic to see this likeable,

staunch clubman who loves the game struggling against a terrible run of injuries. Most players would have chucked it, but Steve's made of sterner stuff, and he'll be doing his bit before long."

RON KREMERS: "The gentle green giant, I rate big Ronnie highly (that's a joke, get it?) He will be a better player when he learns not to keep the spectators

ducking with his long, raking passes."

PAUL BERANIC: "A nuggety, dependable defender straight from the juniors who was chucked in at the deep end at the start of the season and came out with credit. He can only improve."

ROBERT KRAJICIC: "Just signed from Heidelberg. A dedicated, stylish player and definitely one for the future."

From a tin shed to plush luxury

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Arnold Langer was one of 50 drivers who risked getting bogged when he parked his beaten-up Volkswagen in a huge, open paddock on Green Gully Reserve in 1963.

Langer grabbed his playing gear, went into a tin shed to get changed, then ran out onto the field to play for Green Gully.

He drives a BMW today. He turns off St Albans Road, drives past a car park which can hold 10,000 cars, and parks in the members' area between Green Gully's main ground and its huge social club. He plays a different game now, his limbs and mind no longer able to withstand the demands of being a top-class player, but concerned instead with the rigors of contractual negotiations and maintaining strict budget guidelines.

If Langer, the Green Gully treasurer, still were leading the first tee to success, he'd be getting changed in spacious dressing rooms, training under floodlights soon to be dramatically upgraded, and relaxing after home games in plush surroundings which can seat 300 and are air-conditioned.

There's been a lot of changes at Green Gully Reserve while Langer moved from behind the wheel of his Volkswagen to the leather upholstery in his BMW.

"I think we once got almost 100 people into our tin shed after a match in the old days. That probably was a record. We could cater pretty comfortably for about 60 then," said Langer.

"The whole reserve was open then. There was no embankment, just a rail around the ground which was situated where the tennis courts are now. And we only had one ground then. Now

we've got five grounds, including two top-grade pitches.

"The upgrading of the grounds and the facilities has been a gradual process, involving a great many people. We started to build our social club in the 1970's and finished it in 1979. Of course, Paul Azzopardi was marvellous. He spent so much time, money and effort in building the rooms, and so many members donated materials, cash and labor. It was like everything else at Green Gully — a great club effort.

"When we moved to our main ground in the 1970's we built our dressing rooms and said goodbye to the tin shed.

"The first priority on our present list is the floodlights. We plan to eventually have 70 foot poles erected in every corner of the main ground. We already have a main pole erected with eight lights on it. The other poles will have four lights each. Then the ground will be fully floodlit.

"Every year we do a bit more to improve things."

The club's Press box is one of the finest in Victoria. Certainly it is one of the few, but it is well situated, something Olympic Park authorities would do well to look into.

Green Gully also has put up a TV tower, knowing that adequate facilities for TV camera and crew are a must if the club is to gain good TV exposure.

For some time now, Green Gully has been one of the best administered clubs in Victoria. Others envy the constant stream of improvements at Green Gully Reserve.

Langer hasn't become blasé about it all.

He remembers what it's like to drive a Volkswagen.



Paul Wade

Life members

Green Gully has seven honorary life members, a title bestowed on members for outstanding service to the club.

They are: Harry Moakes, the club founder; the late Frank Kolbl; Paul Azzopardi; Fred Grimaud; Charlie Farrugia; Joe Sammut and Inger Zouboulakis.

Five titles

- 1955 — Formed as a junior club
- 1956 — Formed as a senior club
- 1964 — Fourth Division runner-up
- 1966 — Third Division runner-up
- 1971 — Second Division champion
- 1976 — First Division champion
- 1979 — Ampol Cup winner
- 1980 — Third in State League
- 1981 — Won State League, Dockerty Cup and Ampol Cup winner
- 1982 — Won State League, Dockerty Cup and State League Cup winner
- 1983 — Won State League, Ampol Cup winner

Committee

Green Gully's executive committee:

- Guy Spiteri, president;
- Paul Azzopardi, chairman;
- Arnold Langer, treasurer;
- Van Lakis, secretary;
- Mario Borg, Sebastian Galdes, George Gatt, Vic Pace, committee members.



"old firm" is back together again, plotting Green Gully's revival. Coach Bobby in (right), treasurer Arnold Langer (left) and president Guy Spiteri played a big part in the club's return to Victorian State League glory. Can this trio help to establish Gully as an NSL club?

ST COACHES, TOP PLAYERS

Gully's Players of

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| 1976 — David Cole | 1969 — Frank Campbell |
| 1977 — Jim McGill | 1970 — Frank Kolbl, Charlie Vella (joint coaches) |
| 1978 — Ian McCarthy | 1971-74 — Tony Vella |
| 1979 — Willie Vassallo | 1975 — Joe Wilson |
| 1980-82 — Bobby McLachlan | 1976 — Mike de Bruyckere, Ian Petherick |
| 1983 — Len McKendry, David Arnold | 1977 — Jim Bailish, Ian Petherick (joint coaches) |
| 1982 — Jim Williams | 1978 — John Grimsey, Gary Turner, Duncan Mackay |
| 1983 — Willie Vassallo | 1979 — Billy Vojtek |
| Green Gully's 19 coaches since its formation as a senior club in 1956: | 1980-82 — Bobby McLachlan |
| 1956-63 — Harry Moakes | 1983 — Len McKendry, David Smallman |
| 1964 — Frank Kolbl | 1984 — Jimmy Rooney, Bobby McLachlan |
| 1965 — Frank Kolbl, Arnold Langer | |
| 1966-67 — Frank Kolbl | |
| 1968 — Billy McIvor | |

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SHARKS SAVAGE ILLINDEN, MONARO HITS TOP SPOT

Inter Monaro is back at the top of the table after its 3-0 win over Yugal and the Sharks, Sutherland, played a part in Inter's rise with a 3-1 win over Rockdale Ilinden at Hurstville Oval.

Inter Monaro was spearheaded by Sebastian Giampaolo in its brilliant win over Yugal, while Sutherland showed its usual late season consistency to down Rockdale.

For Rockdale, it was its first loss in 11 matches, while for Sutherland it was its 10th match without defeat and its third straight, a record that has pushed it to within two points of the lead.

Manly Warringah settled its differences with Warringah Narabeen and won the title of the best team north of the harbor by winning 4-1 at Cromer Park. With Mark Holloway injured, Robbie Stuart sick, Steve Dick on holidays and Dudley Fox injured, Manly added Jim McBrean to its unavailable list. The ex-APIA player has been dumped by the club.

And while Manly celebrated its return to the winners circle after five barren weeks, Narabeen has hit rock bottom to trail Bankstown by a point. Bankstown did some reshuffling by replacing star players Meerbaan and Hammond with young and eager players and Canterbury was beaten by a late goal at Potts Park.

The race for the title now is on with just five rounds remaining. Let's look at the run home of the top four sides.

INTER MONARO: v Bankstown, Bankstown, Rockdale, Manly, Avala.

ROCKDALE: v Bankstown, Ku-Ring-Gai, Inter, Polonia, Manly.

SUTHERLAND: v Ku-Ring-Gai, Polonia, Narabeen, Yugal, Canterbury.

MANLY: v Yugal, Canterbury, Bankstown, Inter, Rockdale.

Sutherland may have the best chance to snatch the title. It has played against all the top teams and will have to deal with the lower echelon on its run home.

Manly Warr 4 Warr. Nara 1

Scorers: Leak 5th, 83rd, Vale 36th, Steven Pen. 54th, A. Dean 34th.
Venue: Cromer Park.

John Laughran, Manly's secretary, was not impressed with some of the comments allegedly made by Narabeen people earlier this season and promised that his side would win convincingly when the two sides met in a return bout at Cromer Park.

And despite some heavy player losses during the week, which left Manly without its recognized forward line of Fox-Holloway-Stuart and forced it to use Bobby Pagano as a striker with Panes and Vale as replacement flankers, Manly romped home by three clear goals.

Narabeen, with some good

performances under its belt in the last few weeks never came to grips with the slippery conditions and in the end had to thank its keeper Peter Dean for keeping the score down.

Steve Leak scored his eighth goal of the season after only five minutes to give Manly the edge but Allan Dean cancelled it with a goal a half an hour later. It threatened to develop into yet another 1-1 draw for the briefest of moments, but Peter Vale put paid to those thoughts with a well taken goal two minutes later to give Manly a 2-1 advantage at half time.

Manly never was extended during the second period and added further goals through Tom Steven and Steve Leak. Steven scored from a penalty after Peter Dean brought down Leak inside the area.

Celebrations were in full swing at Manly on Sunday night after its reserves defeated Narabeen 8-0 and the third team won 5-0. The only "bleish" was that goal of Allan Dean's, but it could hardly be a consolation for Poor Narabeen.

Avala 1 Polonia 3

Scorers: Duvnjak 7th, Sobczyk 25th, Ovcarek 27th, Galas Pen. 85th.
Venue: Knight Park.

Avala must rue using Knight Park for it has been graveyard all season! Apart from its 2-0 win over Warringah and 2-2 draw with Narabeen, Avala has lost seven matches at Knight Park. Away from home Avala has lost only one match, winning three and having four other matches drawn!

Against Polonia, the sad story repeated itself. Nikola Duvnjak's thunderbolt in the 7th minute surprised Barker to put Avala ahead and for the next 20 minutes Avala looked strong enough to retain its lead.

However, Polonia came back through Henjek Sobczyk, its star forward, to level the scores after 25 minutes, then Henjek Ovcarek, the best player on the park, made it 2-1 some two minutes later, and that was the ball game.

Ante Galas increased Polonia's lead from the Penalty spot with only five minutes of the game remaining, but the winners never were extended. Nowak, Ovcarek, Kowalczyk and Sobczyk weaved their magic on this mud-patch in Fairfield, indicating, once again that Avala's position on the table is not a true indication of this team's value.

Its defence looks strong and its midfield creative. With Ovcarek getting close to peak fitness, Polonia could cause some of the front runners a headache or two!

Auburn 1 Ku-Ring-Gai 1

Scorers: Bass 29th, Townson 79th.
Venue: Mona Park.

This loss of a point ended Auburn's chances for the top four.

Auburn, in fact, could have been downed had Chris Quigley, an ex-Auburn player, been less benevolent to his former teammates. He was set to score for Ku-Ring-Gai in the closing stages of the first half with only Rosano to beat but somehow managed to push his shot wide. Then in the closing stages of the match and Ku-Ring-Gai leading 1-0, Quigley decided to attempt a backpass which was intercepted by O'Shanna who headed to Carney, then to Townson and it was 1-1!

Ku-Ring-Gai was a shade better during the first period and deserved its 1-0 lead, but after the interval there was only one team on the Park — Auburn. However, led by an ex-Auburn player, Terry Bertram, Ku-Ring-Gai showed looked set to salvage both points until the unfortunate incident in the 79th minute.

After scoring the equaliser, Townson almost snatched the



Ku-Ring-Gai striker Craig Bass, who scored in his team's 1-1 draw with Auburn-Uruguay last weekend.

winner for Auburn but his shot from 25 metres hit the crossbar! It is interesting to note that Ku-Ring-Gai's goal scorer, Craig Bass, also had a shot bounce back off the crossbar during the first period.

The goal by Bass came after 29 minutes when he converted a corner kick by Andy Tra-

in 10 matches. That's Sutherland's recent record. This is a clear indication of its intention to clinch the league title.

In its last two matches, Sutherland has beaten Auburn and Rockdale, two rivals for top spot and now is looking towards the last five rounds in anticipation of glory.

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

cey For Ku-Ring-Gai this was its fourth draw in five matches. Incidentally, all four were 1-1 draws! For Auburn, this seventh draw of the season came after two losses and has surely ended its hopes of a semi-final berth. Auburn still can make it, providing it wins its remaining five matches, and providing Manly, Sutherland and Rockdale cut each other's throats.

Rockdale 1 Sutherland 3

Scorers: Gray 10th, Dalfovo 0.9.15th, Rogers 65th, Hargraves 80th.
Venue: Hurstville Oval.

Six wins and four draws

another great keeper is about to be produced by Sutherland.

Sutherland's strength is its great midfield combination as well as its well drilled backline. Jimmy Webber has made an impact on Sutherland's midfield since his return, while John Stoddart has slotted into his new side with ease.

Slavski, Nasteovski and Jones could not match the speed and enthusiasm of the Sutherland midfield prompting Ilija Takac, the coach of Ilinden, to tip Sutherland for the title.

Bankstown 2 Canterbury 1

Scorers: Parker 65th, Hassan 81st, Petas 85th.
Venue: Potts Park.

Don't write off Bankstown yet!

After 13 matches without a win you'd think it would be very hard to motivate its players. Somehow, Bankstown refuses to concede that the season is over and sacked two of its star players, Meerbaan and Hammond, and introduced youth for this match — with great success.

Goals by Parker and Hassan came after good work by El Hosseini and a late goal by John Petas, after Louis Dounis hit the post, did not dent the hopes of a Bankstown revival.

Inter 3 Yugal 0

Scorers: Valeri Pen 20th, Giampaolo 40th, 75th.
Venue: Queenbeyan.

"We have the best player in Australia", claimed Laurie Pastrello after his side, Inter Monaro demolished Yugal by 3-0 at Marco Polo last Sunday.

"Seb Giampaolo is just magic, and there is no amount of money that can buy this player", claimed Inter's President.

Giampaolo was the difference between the sides. After Walter Valeri put Inter ahead in the 20th minute with a well taken penalty, Giampaolo scored two fine goals to seal Yugal's fate during the second half. His second and Monaro's third goal was a gem as Giampaolo walked right through Yugal's defence to score a superb solo goal.

Tony Brennan and Angelo Ambrosino had fine games indeed as did Peter Berry for Yugal. However, Berry could not save Yugal from defeat, but he certainly kept the scoreline down.

STATE LEAGUE TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
INTER MONARO	10	5	2	51	21	25
ROCKDALE	10	4	3	33	18	24
MANLY WARR.	8	7	2	31	11	23
SUTHERLAND	9	5	3	28	14	23
Auburn	6	7	5	15	14	19
Ku-Ring-Gai	4	7	6	21	27	15
Polonia	5	5	7	17	23	15
Canterbury	5	5	7	18	30	15
Avala	4	5	8	24	36	13
Yugal	3	5	9	24	27	11
Bankstown	3	5	9	16	39	11
Warr. Narabeen	3	4	10	18	35	10

TOP SCORERS

13—Brown (RI), Valeri (IM).
8—Leak, Holloway (MW), O'Shanna (Aub.).
8—Milne (Av), Giampaolo (IM).
7—Groomer (S), Jesic (Y).
6—Monteroso, Willox (IM), Jeffery (K), Stuart (MW), Sobczyk (P).
5—Budini (Av), Dounis (C), Jones (RI), McGrath (Y).
4—Hassan (B), Colbertaldo (IM), Bass (K), Bullock, Sandner (N).

THIS WEEK

Saturday: Arlington Oval: Canterbury v Inter Monaro.
Sunday: Fraser Park: Yugal v Manly; Narabeen: Warringah v Avala; Chopin Park: Polonia v Auburn; Parklands: Ku-Ring-Gai v Sutherland; Potts Park: Bankstown v Rockdale.

MANLY WARRINGAH 4 (Leak 5th, 83rd, Vale 36th, Steven 54th Pen) NARABEEN 1 (A. Dean 34th) at Cromer Park.

Manly: Conradi 7, — Plaud 7, Dick 8, Doyle (Williamson 25th — 8), Lynch 7, — Jones 7, Steven 7, Leak 9 (Etherington 80th), — Panes 6, Pagano 8, Vale 6.
NARABEEN: P. Dean 7, — Sarge 6, Rylands 7, Garrett 7, Mahoney 6, Rimmer 6, — A. Dean 7, Griffin 7, Hanley 6 (Sandner 61st — 6), McLean 6 (Collinge 61st — 5).

AVALA 1 (Duvnjak 7th) POLONIA 3 (Sobczyk 25th, Ovcarek 27th, Galas Pen 85th) at Knight Park.

AVALA: Thurlow 7, — Collins 6, Budini 7, Mackenzie 6, Da Silva 6, Duvnjak 8 (Batkovic 72nd), Rodriguez 5 (Stamenkovic 46th — 6), Williams 7, — Lembrly 6, Bateman 6, Milne 5.
POLONIA: Barker 8, — Jordan 7, Galas 8, Fogarty 8, Pratt 7, — Vanderberg 7, Kowalczyk 8, Lumsdaine 7, Nowak 8 — Sobczyk 8, Ovcarek 9.

AUBURN URUGUAY 1 (Townson 79th) KU-RING-GAI 1 (Bass 29th) at Mona Park.

AUBURN: Rosano 7, — Kelly 6, Watt 7, Plannic 7, Parfitt 7 — Akoues 7, Carney 8, McDermid 6 (Seekie 46th — 7), Townson 8, — Knight 7, Benales 7 (O'Shanna 48th — 6).
KU-RING-GAI: Prentice 7, — Bennett 7, Bertram 9, Watson 7, Jesse 8, — Quigley 6, Bourke 7, Harper 6, Tracey 6, — Jeffery 7 (N. Williamson 82nd), Bass 7.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Dalfovo og. 15th) SUTHERLAND 3 (Gray 10th, Rogers 65th, Hargraves 80th) at Hurstville Oval.

ILINDEN: D. Smith 7, — Degney 7, Plovski 7, D. Wilson 7, G. Wilson 7, — Slavski 5, Nasteovski 5, Jones 5, — Trajanovski 6 (Ristovski 50th — 7), Karanilovski 7, Brown 6 (Bottalico 80th).
SUTHERLAND: Dart 9, — Hesford 7, Schumann 7, Dalfovo 7, Nelson 7, — Webber 8, Rogers 8, Stoddart 7, — Hargraves 7, Groomer 7, Gray 7.

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL 2 (Parker 65th, Hassan 81st) CANTERBURY 1 (Petas 85th) at Potts Park.

BANKSTOWN NATIONAL: Lohman 8, — Agostino 7, Coates 8, Blacktown 8, Ishmail 7, — Dolton 8, Parker 8, Genc 8, Apenian 7, — Hassan 7, El Hosseini 8.
CANTERBURY: Konistis 7 (El Zein 55th — 6), — Antonopoulos 6, Hantzis 7, Titilas 7, Eftimiades 8, — Andreou 6, Fernatis 7 (Phillipou 60th — 6), Anagnostopoulos 6, — Petas 6, Dounis 6, Hall 8.

INTER MONARO 3 (Valeri Pen. 20th, Giampaolo 40th, 75th) YUGAL 0 at Queenbeyan.

INTER MONARO: Hocking 7, — Domazetovsk 7, Ambrosino 8, Santolin 8, Williams 7, — Willox 7, Monteroso 7 (Colbertaldo — 7), Farrell 7, — Brennan 8, Valeri 8, Giampaolo 9.
YUGAL: Berry, Marco, Forester, Clarke, Gibson, — Pahor, Jesic, Zivkovic, Rodas, Thamnides, Tanovski. (NO RATINGS AVAILABLE).

CAN HUMMEL COME BACK?

Former National Youth goalkeeper Chris Hummel has four weeks to complete a comeback and re-establish himself among the top custodians in Australian Soccer.

Hummel was the first choice for the Australian team for the World Youth championship qualifying rounds in 1983 but was replaced by his Canberra team-mate Anthony Franken for the finals in Mexico.

Franken now has taken a starring role with Canberra in the National League and was selected by Frank Ark in the Australia B team for the recent international series.

Hummel was forced into a background role with Canberra and four weeks ago transferred to Melita Eagles on loan for the rest of this season after Melita keeper Alec McPherson broke a wrist against Sydney Hakoah.

"I spent nearly two years with Chris in the National Youth team and this is a good chance for him to prove how good he is," said Melita coach Paul Blanco.

"Franken was in his shadow for most of that time but the position is now reversed. I wanted to see Chris in action and wanted him to see us."

"The club has an option to buy him at the end of the year and the fee is not expensive. He is playing very well but needs more time to work in better with his defence."

Hummel received plenty of work in recent weeks when Melita lost 2-0 to Sydney Hakoah and 2-1 to APIA and won 1-0 against Blacktown.

"Alec will be determined to try to regain his position in the team as soon as he gets back into training and it will be up to Chris to keep him out," said Blanco.

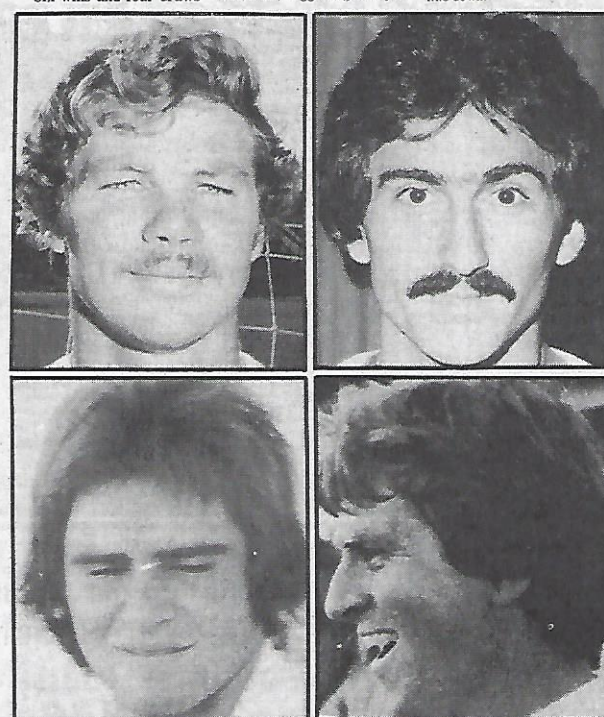
At one stage a few weeks ago, Blanco had eight of his original line-up out of action as well as his imported Melita international, Silvio Emanuele.

Ray Farrugia, Emanuele, and Wayne Farnsworth have all had runs in the youth team and Stuart Johnston has had the stitches removed from a fractured cheekbone.

Romacicolani interviewed next week



Teenager Mario Romacicolani is one of the rising stars of Victorian State League leader Fawkner. Mario will be interviewed by Craig MacKenzie in next week's issue of "Soccer Action".



Four of the stars of the NSW State League. Top, left, Avala midfielder Richie Williams; top, right, Chris Thamnides of Yugal; above, left, Canterbury striker Craig Hall; above, right, veteran Sutherland defender Keith Schumann.



Dave Gibson and Janusz Przybyla could be back in the Polonia line-up for Saturday's crucial clash with Morwell Falcons at North Crinigan Reserve.

Gibson returns from holidays this week. Przybyla, Polonia's ace scorer, has had trouble throwing off injury but he played for 30 minutes in the reserves game against Wilhelmina last Sunday and Polonia coach John Gardiner is under-

stood to be keen to use Przybyla against Falcons.

One player who will be really fired up for this match is Polonia striker Noel Mitten. He played for Falcons in 1982 and 1983 but fell out of favor with certain committeemen and switched to Polonia this season. Mitten will be keen to show a few people at Falcons that he still is a quality player and that the club was wrong to release him.

Falcons' midfielder Steve Moore surprised by missing two penalties against Doveton last weekend. He usually makes no mistake from the

spot and in a match of this significance, won't want to slip up a third time, if he again is called upon to take a penalty.

Ian Storton has scored four goals in four games for Falcons after switching from Doveton. That's an impressive record, one which he'll want to maintain here and one which will give Gardiner plenty to think about this week as he plans his team's tactics.

Morwell is just one point ahead of Polonia and should maintain that margin here. I'm going for a draw.

Selwyn Park and a surprisingly competitive Albion Rovers outfit send shudders through every opposition coach. Box Hill boss Bill Murray knows that his lads are in for a real dogfight on Saturday.

The Hillmen have proven themselves against the best in State League. They lost their opening league game and are unbeaten since. I think they can stretch their amazing 16 game unbeaten run here and can add to their win record in the process.

Don Brownlie, sent off against Croydon last weekend, probably will have his stop-

per's spot taken by Dean Hennessy. Charlie Spiteri of Albion is out for the rest of the season. He broke his ankle in the first 15 minutes of Albion's 3-1 win over Broadmeadows two weeks ago.

Fawknar travels to John Cain Reserve on Sunday, looking for a convincing win after dropping a point to St. Albans Dinamo last weekend. Young Northcote left back George Mihos probably will confront experienced Fawknar winger Joe Palinkas. Palinkas gets the better of Mihos and can get in crosses for Ian Tuffield to exploit his awesome heading ability. Fawknar will walk this one.

SATURDAY
Broadmeadows vs Frankston Pines (draw) at Laura Douglas Reserve, 3 p.m.
Albion Rovers vs BOX HILL at Selwyn Park, 3 p.m.
Morwell Falcons vs Polonia (draw) at North Crinigan Reserve, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY
Croydon vs Doveton at Croydon Park, 3 p.m.
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA vs Knox City at Jubilee Park, 3 p.m.
WESTERN SUBURBS vs St Albans Dinamo at Ralph Reserve, 3 p.m.
Northcote vs FAWKNAR at John Cain Reserve, 3 p.m.

Buffalo State League ladder	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAWKNER	11	4	2	44	23	26
MORWELL	10	6	1	30	10	26
POLONIA	10	5	2	40	21	25
BOX HILL	9	7	1	33	18	25
West. Suburbs	8	4	5	33	31	20
Albion Rovers	6	6	5	17	20	18
Northcote	8	1	8	35	26	17
Croydon	7	2	8	21	26	16
Frank. Pines	4	7	6	19	24	15
R. Wilhelmina	3	6	8	25	30	12
Knox City	4	4	9	24	40	12
St. Alb Dinamo	2	7	8	21	34	11
Doveton	2	4	11	14	29	8
Broadmeadows	3	1	13	11	35	7

FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Cooke 80th) ALBION ROVERS 1 (Alfonso 55th) at Monterey Boulevard, Saturday.

FRANKSTON PINES: Stutchbury 7 — Thurlow 7, Livingstone 6, Wilson 6, Ferris 6 — Luca 6 (Cooke 60th), Cullen 7, Beech 7 — Dick 7, Ross 8, Thomas 6 (Cumming 75th). Coach: Danny McMinimee.

ALBION ROVERS: Cipri 7 — Galea 8, Gilmour 7, D'Sylva 8, Douglas 7 — Purcell 6, Reilly 6, Alfonso 7, McMorrow 6 (Rodrigues 75th), Bouzas 6, Robertson 6. Coach: Billy McIntyre.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. D'Sylva (AR), 2. Ross (Pines), 1. Galea (AR).

BROADMEADOWS 0 NORTHCOTE 1 (Constantinou 20th) at Laura Douglas Reserve, Saturday.

BROADMEADOWS: Grech 8 Smart 8, Donaldson 8, Daniels 8, Desa 8 — Blair 8, Hoffniak 7, Habic 7 — Vaccaro 6, McIntyre 6 (Chianter 75th), H. Bert 6, Coach: Jim McIntyre.

NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 — Wilson 8, Borkis 8, Katsakidis 8, Mihos 7 — Toro 7, Quigley 7 (Bekiaris 80th), Wright 7 — Diounisopoulos 7, Micevski 7, Constantinou 7. Coach: Jimmy Pyrgolios.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Wilson (North), 2. Blair (Broad), 1. Desa (Broad).

KNOX CITY 2 (House 12th, 35th) WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (Lazopoulos 26th, 43rd, Coyle 27th) at Egan Lee Reserve, Saturday.

KNOX CITY: Brian 7 — Smith 7, Bissinger 7, Dixon 7, Roddis 7 — Noel 7, Bryden 7, Lesbirel 7 — Kojic 7, House 8, Masters 7. Coach: Eric Lesbirel.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Hunter 7 — Hamill 7, Dimovski 7, Howe 8, Lekkas 7 — Kakanotis 8 (inj. Borg 60th, inj. Diliberto 75th), Espósito 6, Murrel 7 — Lazopoulos 9, Coyle 8, Stenson 8. Coach: Jimmy Condilis.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Lazopoulos (WS), 2. House (Knox), 1. Stenson (WS).

ST ALBANS DINAMO 2 (Bruno 77th, Morovic 81st) FAWKNAR 2 (Garvey 1st, Cozzella 6th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: Debeljuh 6 — Nobilio 6, Radman 6, Brijakic 6, Bozic 6 — Dula 6 (Bruno 67th), Batiniovic 7, Rastocic 6 — Mecanovic 6 (Kustura 87th), Morovic 8, Culina 5. Coach: Pero Kasalo.

FAWKNER: Costa 5 — Macleod 6, Cavallari 5, Fattore 5, McKinlay 6 — Palinkas 5, Barron 5, Angele 5 — Tuffield 6, Cozzella 6, Garvey 6. Coach: Gus Macleod.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Brijakic 2. Morovic (SLA), 1. Batiniovic (SLA).

POLONIA 3 (Gilder 35th, Mitten penalty 39th, 79th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 2 (Stewart 26th, 42nd) at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.

POLONIA: Lukac 6 — Ujarski 6, Mila 6, Innes 6, Smolarek 7 — G. Czapiak 8 (inj. Gregorczyk 80th), Gardiner 7, Tront 6, Petrov 6 — Mitten 8, Gilder 7. Coach: John Gardiner.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 7, Corke 6, Haupt 7 (Murray 80th), Storm 5, Verniers 6 — Kebede 7, Shannon 7, Burton 8, Warsawski 6, Wandimu 6, Stewart 8 (inj. Adams 60th). Coach: Cor Teouu.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Mitten (Pol), 2. Stewart (Wilhel), 1. Burton (Wilhel).

BOX HILL 4 (Smith 2nd, 7th, 19th, 61st) CROYDON 2 (Griffiths 30th, Ormond 35th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 8 — Rodhouse 8, Brooks 9, Brownlie 7 (sent off 45th), A. Rodhouse 7 (inj. Hennessy 35th), 7th — Priestley 7, Hughes 8, Valentine 8, Keenan 7 (Zappard 66th) — Verechie 8, Smith 9. Coach: Bill Murray.

CROYDON: Kastner 6 — Rainey 8, Kerr 6, Brewerton 6, Brown 6 — Irvine 8, Singleton 6 (Livingstone 77th), French 7, Ormond 6 (L. Smith 71st) — Griffiths 8, Loughane 6. Coach: Colin Hasler.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. Smith (Box Hill), 2. Brooks (Box Hill), 1. Griffiths (Croy).

DOVETON 0 MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Storton 35th) at Waratah Reserve, Sunday.

DOVETON: Radner 8 — Dixey 6, Gadsby 7, Lowe 7, Fitzpatrick 6 — Watson 6, Buchanan 7, McLeod 6, Buchanan 6, M. McDonald 6 (Holmes 85th) — J. McDonald 6, Edmondson 6. Coach: Ian Williamson.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 6 — Higham 7, Clarke 7, Bruns 6, Train 6 — O'Callaghan 8, Moore 5, Macleod 7, Cassar 6 — Athersych 6, Storton 7. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3. O'Callaghan (MF), 2. Radov (Doves), 1. Clarke (MF).

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Leading votegetters:

- 22 — Smith (Box Hill)
- 17 — MacLean (Morw), Stenson (WS)
- 15 — Tuffield (Fawk), Lazopoulos (WS)
- 14 — I. Rodhouse (Box Hill)
- 13 — Culina (St.A)
- 12 — House (Knox), Burgham (Morw), Quigley (North), Mila, Mitten (Pol), Binton (Wilhel).

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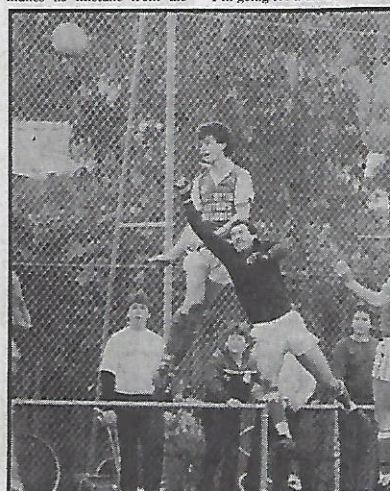
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Leading scorers:

- 17 — Smith (Box Hill)
- 13 — Tuffield, Cozzella (Fawk), Przybyla (Pol)
- 12 — Moore (Morw)
- 11 — House (Knox), Mitten (Pol), Lazopoulos, Coyle (WS)

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



Fawknar striker Ian Tuffield shows off his amazing jumping ability, and surprises St Albans Dinamo goalie Mike Debeljuh who is trying to punch clear. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Fickle Fawknar

By LES SHORROCK

St. A. Dinamo 2 Fawknar 2

Scorers: Bruno 77th, Morovic 81st (St. A); Garvey 1st, Cozzella 6th (F).

Venue: Churchill Reserve.

What a Jekyll and Hyde outfit this Fawknar mob is!

Two weeks ago I saw it fight back against Polonia after a dubious refereeing decision had reduced it to 10 men, not only fight back, but actually take the lead.

And it hung on to that lead tenaciously, almost to the bitter end, and finished with a well-earned point.

It came away from Churchill Reserve on Saturday with a point too, but what a difference!

It had a dream start against St Albans Dinamo, when Neil Garvey got the ball into the net after only 24 seconds, and when Bruno Cozzella made it 2-0 from a Joe Palinkas cross only five minutes later, even staunch St Albans fans around me were muttering about a five or six goal defeat.

Dinamo looked to be on a hiding to nothing, but it kept plodding away, while Fawknar created chance after chance and nonchalantly missed time after time.

Cozzella and Ian Tuffield must still be having nightmares about the ones that didn't go in. Tuffield even dribbled round goalkeeper Mike Debeljuh only for his shot to be cleared off the line.

but the early lead must have lulled Fawknar into a mood of false security, because no-one seemed even perturbed at the misses.

In the 65th minute Dinamo coach Pero Kasalo took off Ivan Dula and brought on Johnny Bruno, in a desperation move that almost won the game.

The unbelievable (from Fawknar's point of view) happened 12 minutes later when the sub became an instant hero as he forced the ball over the line to make it 2-1, and from that point on Fawknar fell apart like wet cardboard.

Now it was Dinamo creating the chances, and with Fawknar's midfield virtually non-existent, it seemed only a matter of time before the equaliser came.

Dennis Morovic, who had been giving the Fawknar defence a torrid time, beat three defenders before slamming the ball past Tony Costa to make it 2-2.

Young Costa, standing in for Robert Terzini, had had a very nervous afternoon, but he made up for it all in the closing minutes when he made a superb reflex save at point-blank range from Morovic to enable Fawknar to sneak away with a point.

So what excuses can I make for Fawknar? Of course it missed suspended Gary Hobson, but he'll be back this week. Unfortunately Peter Boyle, out with a shin splint, won't and without him the Fawknar midfield just doesn't exist.

dominating territoriality could not make the vital breakthrough.

In the 7th minute, Mullett released McCarthy on the right. His low cross was met by Van Egmond, whose shot beat Melets only for the ball to strike the far post and rebound into the keeper's arms.

The second half provided a similar pattern with most of the play in Moreland's half. Nyholt twice went close, on the second occasion bringing a fingertip save from Melets. The Moreland defence was under pressure but Waters was a steady influence at the back.

Even in the last minute the action was in the Moreland goalmouth as the goalscorer, O'Connor, scooped a goal-bound shot off the line to safety. Moreland can thank its hardworking defence for this close but very valuable win.

Smith blitzes Croydon

By JOHN WALLACE

Box Hill 4 Croydon 2

Scorers: Smith 2nd, 7th, 19th, 61st (Box Hill); Griffiths 30th, Ormond 35th (Croy). Venue: Wembley Park.

Six goals, three bookings, a sending off and a superb display of striking power from Box Hill star Steve Smith stirred the blood at Wembley Park.

Smith struck three times in the first 19 minutes. Croydon's defence was caught cold in the 2nd minute by a Smith header which squeezed through the grasp of Lou Kastner. Five

minutes later, Smith was on hand to crack home the rebound after Kastner had parried a Brian Keenan shot.

A sloppy passback from Mark Brown in the 19th minute was snapped up by Smith and Croydon were reeling as it started at a 0-3 scoreline.

But the visitors hit back. They re-organised their defence and fought back to almost level the scores before half time. Dave Griffiths netted following a Graham French cross in the 30th minute and five minutes later Mick Rainey's free kick was headed on by Ian Loughane to

young Eddie Ormond whose header made it 3-2.

Four minutes into the second half, big Donald Brownlie was sent off after tangling with Loughane. Although reduced to 10 men, Box Hill stayed on top, thanks to experienced Dave Brooks who marshalled his defence superbly.

Croydon's fate was sealed when Smith notched his fourth goal in the 61st minute.

The question that must be asked now is: Can anyone stop the Hillmen from claiming the championship?

Polonia fails to flatter

By MICK MITTEN

Polonia 3 Wilhelmina 2

Scorers: Gilder 35th, Mitten penalty 39th, 79th (Pol); Stewart 26th, 42nd (Wil). Venue: Raleigh Reserve.

Polonia has to step up the level of its performance if it's going to win the championship. That's the message that came across loud and clear after Polonia's unconvincing victory over a Ringwood Wilhelmina side that was the better outfit in the first half and looked like it wanted to win more than the home team.

Polonia put itself under a lot of pressure in the first half with amateurish back passing. On three occasions, Polonia goalie Mike Lukac was forced to dive at full stretch to save bad back passes with Wilhelmina players fast closing in on him.

Wilhelmina took the lead in the 26th minute. A superb cross from Sisyae Kebede found Kenny Stewart, rising

unchallenged in between Stefan Mila and Rick Lipiarski, heading into the far corner of goal from seven metres.

Polonia hit back in the 35th minute through Carl Gilder, who had a bit of luck in scoring. Good work by Noel Mitten and John Gardiner in midfield saw the ball played to Greg Czapiak. His first time through ball sent Gilder clear. Wilhelmina goalie Stuart Lee came off his line to confront Gilder, who got a touch to the ball which deflected off Lee and bounced back to Gilder, enabling him to tap it into the unguarded goal.

A boob mistake by Kees Storm gave Polonia a 2-1 lead in the 39th minute. A long ball played into the Wilhelmina area seemed harmless enough but Storm dragged back young George Teouu. The ref was right behind Storm and pointed to the penalty spot. Mitten easily converted.

But Wilhelmina fought back. In the 42nd minute Barry Burton skinned Mila, got to the

backline then struck the ball back across goal. A scramble developed and Stewart got the decisive touch to make it 2-2.

Polonia upped the tempo of its game in the second half and was unlucky not to take the lead when Storm, under pressure, backheaded, forcing Lee into a brilliant save.

Wilhelmina blew a chance to win in the 75th minute. A superb Kebede through ball sent Jim Warsawski clear. With just Lukac to beat, Warsawski blasted the ball over from eight metres.

Storm gave away a silly free kick by fouling Petrov in the 79th minute. From the free kick, the ball was played to the near post and Mitten, with the faintest of touches, nabbed the winner.

Mordialloc Mudlarks

ELTHAM 1 (Schipano) SOUTH MELBOURNE MORDIALLOC 2 (Retre 17th, Paparaz 28th) at North Eltham, Saturday.

ELTHAM: Panas 6, Bonnel 6, M. Cirka 7, Schipano 8, DeLamy 7, Woodward 7, Curcio 5 (Madz 70th), P. Cirka 5 (Norton 85th), Itou 6, Brige 6, Vanderkalk 6.

SOUTH MELBOURNE MORDIALLOC: Gilbert 7, Karavasil 7, Fakos 7, Milne 9, Lacroca 7, Goncalves 8, Retre 6, Papes 8, Delany 7, Paparaz 8, Stamatakis 7.

South Melbourne Mordialloc won this battle of the mudlarks at North Eltham because it adapted to the conditions better than the Redbacks.

The visitors attacked from the start and Bill Panas was forced to make a fine save from Jim Paparaz in the opening seconds. South Melb Mordialloc took the lead in the 17th minute when the ball was deflected into Retre's path after the Eltham defence had failed to clear from a free kick to the visitors.

Paparaz made it 2-0 when he broke clear on the left in the 28th minute and beat Panas with an angled drive.

Tony Schipano moved up front late in the game and scored a consolation goal for the home side but the points deservedly went to the visitors.

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COACH TIM DIES AT 66 OR 73

By PAUL MOON

South American soccer lost one of its most colorful characters when Tim died in Rio de Janeiro recently.

Tim, or Elba de Padua Lima to give him his official name, claimed to have been born in 1918, although many believed 1911 to be likelier.

If he was truthful about his birthdate, Tim made a senior debut with Botafogo when 15 years of age and transferred to Fluminense for a substantial sum while still a teenager.

The ball-playing inside forward earned 16 caps for Brazil, including an appearance in the 1938 World Cup finals and, late in his career, moved to Argentina where he gained the nickname "El Peon".

As a coach, Tim won titles with Bangu, Flamengo, Fluminense and Vasco da Gama in his native country and Argentina's San Lorenzo. After guiding the latter to the 1968 Metropolitan Championship without losing a single game, Tim was almost strangled by one ecstatic supporter claiming his tie as a souvenir. The Brazilian never sported neckwear again.

Always a firm believer in attacking, entertaining soccer

unrestrained by complex strategies, Tim had only one aid when discussing tactics — a bag of 22 buttons which would be tipped onto a table and then moved into the positions required.

He was semi-retired when Peru's federation, having been turned down by Didi and Mario Zagallo, approached him in 1981 to become national team manager.

Tim, not really wanting the job, was lured to Lima by a contract which gave him \$120,000 for the three months covering the World Cup qualifying rounds.

Within those three months, he transformed a dispirited, methodless set of individuals into a skilled and efficient unit which created a major surprise by eliminating the highly regarded Uruguay.

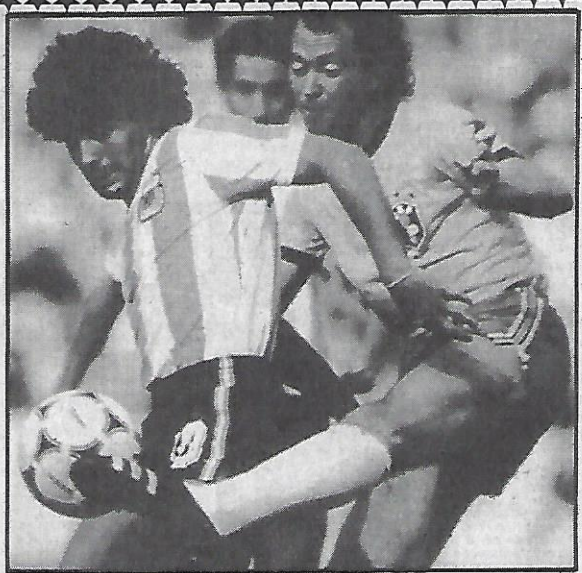
Tim's contract was extended to the World Cup finals.

In Spain, Peru drew with Italy and Cameroon before collapsing 1-5 against Poland. It was a disappointing swansong for the tournament's old coach.

After the Mundial, Tim turned down a \$360,000-a-year post in Saudi Arabia and the position of Portugal's national team manager because he preferred to spend more time with his grand daughters in Brazil.

Yet, the elderly chain smoker did not remain out of harness long and only last year was appointed coach of Internacional Limeira, a minor club in Sao Paulo.

He died after a prolonged stomach illness.



The great Diego Maradona (left) — in action for Argentina against Brazilian star Falcão. They'll clash in the Italian First Division this coming season.

The latest chapter in the Maradona saga — his \$7,500,000 transfer to Naples — triggered wholesale rejoicing within the southern Italy city.

Neapolitans swarmed through the streets waving flags, hooting car horns and letting off firecrackers as soon as the signing had been confirmed.

The more sombre gave thanks at local shrines devoted to St. Januarius, the city's patron saint.

Indeed, a week earlier, it seemed that only a miracle would bring Maradona to Italy, for new Barcelona coach Terry Venables had

Sivori, Krol, Altafini and now Maradona

been adamant he would not release his prime asset.

Maradona persisted, though. Unsettled at Barcelona for some time, the appointment of Englishman Venables was the final straw to the Argentinian whose cousin had been killed during the Falklands War.

The fact the transaction was completed merely minutes before the Italian federation's two-year ban on foreign imports commenced, made it all the more momentous to the long-suffering, but remarkably loyal, Naples supporters.

Although their favorites have never won the Italian League (second place in 1968 is their best performance), only twice captured the comparatively meaningless Italian Cup and once advanced to the semi-final in 13 European campaigns, Naples fans claim numerous world attendance records.

Even in bleak seasons, average crowds at the Stadio San Paolo exceed 55,000. In 1976, they became the first club to sell more than 70,000 season tickets.

Gate receipts always keep Naples' coffers healthy and

they have never been afraid to spend heavily on foreign talent.

Hasse Jepson (Sweden), Vinicio (Brazil), Cane (Brazil), Sivori (Argentina), Omar Sivori (Argentina), Rudi Krol (Holland) and Ramon Diaz (Argentina) are the better known of Maradona's predecessors to wear the sky blue jersey.

Yet, the most revered player in Naples' history is locally born forward of the 1930s, Attila Sallustro, who still holds the club record of 103 goals.

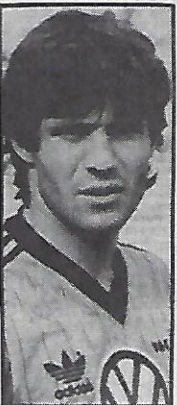
There can be little doubt about the welcome extended to Maradona in the most Latin American of Europe's major cities.

When the possibility of the Argentinian superstar moving to Campania was first mooted, more than 2,000 spoilt their local election ballot papers by scribbling his name over them.

Should he inspire Naples to that elusive first Italian League title, Maradona will not only supercede Sallustro in public esteem, but also make St. Januarius redundant.

— PAUL MOON

SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD



Papadopoulos

— Greek sensation!

Daniel Papadopoulos (left) looks set for a sensational career judging from his form for Iraklis during the recent world series.

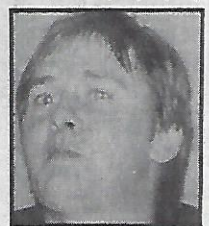
Papadopoulos already had played for Greece's Olympic and under 23 teams, and is almost certain to be promoted to the senior squad soon.

He signed for Iraklis in December, 1981.

Papadopoulos scored against Australia B in the 1-1 draw at the MCG.



Tim — \$120,000 for three months.



New coach

Peter Brine (pictured) has been appointed coach of Tasmanian State League club, Olympia-WPL, for the rest of the season, following the dismissal of Otto Klaus.

Brine played more than 100 first-team games with English club Middlesbrough, and also played professionally in the North American Soccer League.

He arrived in Tasmania, together with Eric Young, in 1980 and joined Juventus-Pioneer.

— WALTER PLESS

Ground defended

Western Suburbs secretary John Hatzimouratis hit out this week at criticism of the Victorian State League club's home ground, Ralph Reserve.

Ralph Reserve came in for criticism after Suburbs topped titled contender Polonia 2-1 two weeks ago.

"We played on Polonia's ground a few years ago and it was an absolute quagmire. The surface in that match cost our club promotion to State League."

"We've tried to pressure our council to improve the surface at Ralph Reserve. We admit that the surface isn't the best but at least we've been trying to do things to improve it."

"Go to Croydon's ground on a rainy day and see what it's like. You can't play good soccer on it then. It's more like bullfighting than soccer. And Albion Rovers' ground is terrible."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Job sought

Slav Milanovic, the new goalkeeper of Victorian club Ringwood United, is looking for a job. He has been in the U.S. on a scholarship, and has a degree in economics. He lives in Noble Park. Any firm able to offer him employment in a field which suits his qualifications should ring Ken Kontra on 725 5392 (home) or 486 1333 (work).

IN DEFENCE OF THE REFEREES

Soccer is made up of particular groups of people each of whom has an important role to play. They are: players, referees, coaches, administrators, spectators and of course the media.

Players are obviously the most important group as they determine the quality of the game in general which in turn can effect the input and performance of the other groups.

Certainly, it always has been my belief that the game is mainly about players.

Reading the Press and watching television recently, I'm beginning to wonder if the balance of importance to the game has shifted away from the players.

The media must, in my opinion, take the blame for this shift.

Administrators and referees have been attracting most of the headlines in recent times.

One cannot pick up a paper without reading about outbursts by club presidents. They even make regular statements concerning team selection and the quality of players' performances.

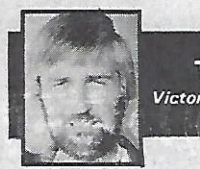
However, this particular group is in a position to defend its outbursts and actions.

But the second group, the referees, is finding itself more and more the victim of un-disciplined players, unruly spectators, coaches who are looking for excuses, dis-appointed club administrators and misguided reporters.

One couldn't pick up this newspaper in recent weeks without finding a headline concerning the men in black.

It truly amazes me how reporters make very definite statements when they disagree with referees' decisions.

In most cases it is unqualified criticism from people who



TIM WHITE
Victorian coaching director

do not fully understand the rule governing the referees' decisions.

There even has been criticism regarding the appointments of particular referees to games and again from people who do not fully understand the circumstances regarding the availability of referees.

Most top-class referees have NSL appointments each week and so are not always available for a top State League game even though the State League game may be played on a Saturday.

Some critics, especially those who do not fully understand the art of refereeing and the pressures involved, may feel a top referee could do both games on the one weekend.

Our top referees make themselves available for one major game in any weekend and this game is generally an NSL fixture.

Remember, that criticism towards referees is very much one way as they, by virtue of their association's constitution, are not allowed to make statements in defence of their decisions.

The restraint they show in this area is to be admired and here they exercise discipline which the other groups would do well to take note of.

However, official comments regarding refereeing, certainly in Victoria, can be obtained from the Referees' Associations through the Director of Coaching for referees. Bob Henderson.

To my knowledge, no reporters have taken the trouble to contact him for official statements. If they did, they may find that much of their criticism is unjustified.

The dissection of referees' decisions on television is a disease which has been with us for some time. This practice reached a new dimension, or in my opinion a new low, recently when a player sent from the field of play was interviewed regarding the merits of the referee while the game was still in progress!

His comments may have sounded smart to some people but I can assure you that if he participated in such an interview in similar circumstances in Europe, action would have been taken against him by the relevant governing body for bringing the game into disrepute.

He still was under the jurisdiction of the referee when he made his statements. The game was in progress and had the referee heard the player's comments he could have reported the player again, even though the ref already had sent him off.

This type of sensationalism is not necessary and detracts from important things in the game.

Maybe it's a lack of understanding of the technicalities of the game which prevents a number of our media people from reporting on the quality of the game.

It's very easy to crucify a group of people who cannot defend themselves.

Unfortunately, this obsession with referees has been carried over to spectators who continually read about referees and as a result spend match days baiting the men in black.

It is time to take stock of ourselves and get things in to perspective before we affect the growth of soccer in Australia.

I am not setting myself up as a champion of referees' rights, but I am very concerned about the directions our game is taking.

The groups I mentioned earlier should concentrate on the jobs relevant to them.

Administrators should concentrate on formulating policies which promote the game and their clubs, and allow the coaches more time and space to do their jobs.

Coaches should concentrate on getting the organisation right on the field and spend more time analysing their players' mistakes and not so much time looking for referees' mistakes so they can use them as an excuse for losing.

Players must concentrate on what they are on the field for and discipline themselves to accept decisions. It's time they realised that when the referee is "wrong," he is right!

It is players who are responsible for accumulating points for bookings, not referees.

Spectators should forget their obsessions about referees, as a number of them carry over bitterness about decisions from one game to another.

The media would do well to spend more time on the important people in the game, the players.

They should forget their obsession with the men in black and report the game as it is played and concentrate on the people who really affect the result.

Zientara, Goleczka, Kalinowski play top roles in Poland

By
MICK
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The 50th Polish championship season ended recently, with Lech Poznan, last year's champions, retaining its title on goal difference from Widzew Lodz, the former club of Zbigniew Boniek.

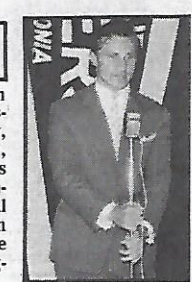
Lech also made history by winning the Polish Cup and joins Ruch Chorzow, Legia Warszawa and Gornik Zabrze, the only other clubs to complete the league and cup double.

Lech won the cup final by defeating Wisla Krakow 3-0 in Warsaw and both clubs will move into next year's European competitions.

Wisla, which toured Australia in 1975, is coached by Edmund Zientara, the former star of Polonia Melbourne and Victoria in the sixties.

Widzew Lodz and Pogoń Szczecin have qualified for the UEFA Cup and both sides have the playing staff to make an impact in that competition.

Zagłębie Sosnowiec, whose team manager is Joe Galeczka, one of the finest players to come to Australia and who starred for Polonia Sydney and the NSW State XI managed to steer clear of relegation thanks to a vastly



Edmund Zientara improved performance in the Spring.

Newcomer Motor Lublin finished a creditable 10th in its first season back in the top division.

Although it drew 13 of its 30 matches, its defence was the second best in the League largely thanks to the fine form of veteran international keeper Zygmunt Kalinowski whose performances for Polonia Sydney two years ago drew rare notices.

Relegated was Zsombierki Bytom and founder member Cracovia Krakow, one of Poland's oldest clubs.

Taking their place on August 12 will be little-known Radomsk Radom and Lechia Gdansk, one of Poland's glamour sides of years gone by which now returns to the first division after an absence of 21 years — and what a meteoric return it was — from 3rd division to the top in 3 years.

Contro tanti infortunati e la sfortuna nulla puo fare 'il mago' Margaritis

Domenica scorsa la Juventus di Melbourne e' scesa in campo contro il Green Gully fra la speranza generale che i piccoli segni di ripresa che si erano notati nelle ultime due settimane con i pareggi contro West Adelaide e Newcastle avrebbero avuto la loro conferma.

Invece e' stato confermato il detto che "chi di speranza vive disperato muore". Direi perche' la Juventus e' morta dopo la batosta di 1-4 subita contro il Green Gully sarebbe in tono con il detto; ma ci limitiamo invece a dire che la vecchia signora e' molto malata e che la cura e' difficile da indovinare.

Pero' bisogna anche accettare che la malattia era inevitabile e che e' inutile quindi disperarsi e dare in escandescenze. A costo di essere noiosi dobbiamo ripetere ancora una volta che la stagione 1984 ha avuto due volte completamente diversi per la Juventus: nel girone di andata una buona dose di fortuna ed avversari ancora alla ricerca della forma migliore le hanno permesso una partenza formidabile molto migliore di quanto chiunque si aspettava.

I successi iniziali, accoppiati ad un ottimo funzionamento del settore amministrativo del club, avevano messo le ali ai piedi alla formazione bianconera. Il morale era alle stelle, il pubblico aumentava di settimana in settimana e tutti i giocatori giocavano ben al di sopra delle loro riconosciute capacita'.

Un Billy Rogers che ormai sembrava essere arrivato al punto di appendere la scarpe al chiodo diventava tutto di colpo un giocatore di grande prestanza fisica ed inesauribile energia che in coppia con Joe Dowie formava una delle migliori difese centrali del campionato, Frank Geremia, il giovane centrocampista fattosi fra le

VIVA ITALIA!

with ROCKY DI ZIO



John Margaritis, dopo essere stato portato in trionfo dai tifosi bianconeri, sembra essere diventato il caprio espiatorio per le inevitabili sfortunate prestazioni della Juventus di Melbourne.

riverve e che sembrava condannato a continuare come eterna riserva, veniva gettato nella mischia a causa dell'infortunio a Vince Bannon e si rivelava presto un solido terzino nonostante la sua statura minuscola. Richard Miranda, acquistato per una cifra irrisoria dal Box Hill e rivelatosi piuttosto deludente nelle posizioni non sue di stopper e terzino, diventava un poderoso centrocampista al punto da guadagnarsi i galloni di titolare della nazionale B. Joe Sweeney, dopo un esordio deludente nelle partite di coppa, cominciava a centrare le porte avversarie con regolarita' fino a diventare brevemente il capocannoniere del campionato, Robert Cullen, da ala

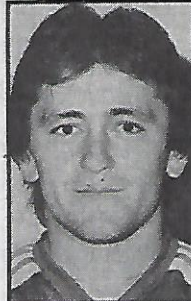
pura, si rivelava un grande centrocampista d'attacco; Andrea Zinni esplodeva con tutta la sua esuberante giovinezza e velocita' da centrometrista; Harry Hird si confermava uno dei piu' sicuri terzini sinistri della lega nonostante alcune riserve che esistevano sul suo conto a causa della mancanza di velocita'. Sean Keogh, il giovane portiere acquistato dalla squadretta del Doveton, si imponeva come un ottimo guardiano e cominciava ad entrare nel giro dei "papabili" per la statale e per la nazionale.

Anche il nuovo arrivato Campbell dava segni di essere un buon centrocampista che sarebbe cresciuto con il passar delle settimane. Gente come Ward, Swinscoe e Lloyd sembravano essere completamente superflui e certamente sarebbero andati a riscaldare la panchina una volta che l'incantamento avesse sciolto di dosso l'infortunio, a prima vista non grave, riportato al ginocchio durante la coppa notturna.

Allo stesso tempo l'Hellas attraversava una crisi profonda (e veniva sonoramente battuta dalla Juventus), l'Heidelberg, il Croatia, il Green Gully, il Preston, il George Cross, il JUST proprio sembravano non ingranare e la Juventus coglieva punti con irrisoria facilità o addirittura si poteva permettere il lusso di perdere e rimanere prima in classifica perché, tanto tutte le dirette avversarie perdevano nel modo piu' inaspettato.

A quei tempi Margaritis veniva considerato il mago del pallone, il team manager Caruso un genio fino ad allora incompreso, tutti i giocatori campioni eccelsi da nazionale.

Poi pian piano la musica e' cambiata. Tutte le squadre o si sono rinforzate oppure hanno



Brendan Latic, il brillante capocannoniere del Thomastown, la squadra italiana prima in classifica nella divisione cadetta del Victoria.

cominciato a rendere secondo le loro già grandi possibilità, mentre la Juventus continuava a perdere titolari in posizioni chiave (Sweeney, Miranda, Hird) e quelli già nella lista degli infortunati non accennavano a rientrare (Vince Bannon, Fabio Incantalupo, Paul Drinocky).

Quando arrivò la crisi la Juventus era perciò senza sei dei suoi migliori titolari, considerando che Sweeney aveva continuato a giocare quando avrebbe dovuto invece andarsene in ospedale e che Dowie aveva imbroccato due espulsioni ed altrettante giornate di squalifica.

Margaritis, che era stato portato in trionfo dai tifosi dopo la vittoria contro l'Hellas, si e' trovato perciò senza riserve e costretto a rimangiare la squadra settimana dopo settimana, potendo contare su elementi non eccellenti che avevano fatto miracoli quando il morale era alle stelle e la squadra poteva ancora contare sui giocatori chiave.

Toto Sweeney la Juventus e' rimasta senza un attacco degno di tale nome; totò Miranda il centrocampista e' scomparso; totò Hird e' crollata la difesa.

Potrebbe sembrare esagerato asserire che l'assenza di tre giocatori abbia potuto fare tanta differenza ad una squadra che conta ancora dei buoni giocatori fra le sue file. Zinni e' pur sempre un ottimo elemento senza dubbio, ma senza Sweeney al centro dell'area per raccogliere i suoi traversoni o per aprirgli varchi, il suo lavoro e' diventato poco redditizio; la mancanza di Miranda a centrocampista ha tagliato i rifornimenti a Zinni e a Cullen ed ha reso piu' agevole il compito del centrocampista avversario che così può premere di piu' sulla difesa bianconera; la buona guardia che Hird faceva sulla sinistra della difesa e le sue puntate in avanti la Juventus adesso se le sogna con il risultato che i difensori centrali ed il portiere debbono far fronte ad un continuo assedio che prima o poi li fa capitolare.

E secondo certa gente i risultati negativi della squadra sarebbero colpa dell'allenatore Margaritis e del team manager Caruso!

I due non sono certamente né infallibili né completamente innocenti, ma accusarli di non riuscire a vincere con metà della squadra con cui son partiti (metà numericamente, ma non più di un quarto come talento) e sicuramente troppo esagerato.

Se qualche appunto potesse esser mosso a Margaritis e Caruso, ciò risulterebbe all'inizio della stagione quando avevano acquistato degli elementi non completamente all'altezza della situazione e non si erano eccessivamente preoccupati di coprirsi le spalle con delle buone riserve. Ma anche qui qualsiasi critica deve essere mitigata dai mezzi finanziari di cui disponevano all'inizio della stagione, dalla carenza di buoni giocatori reperibili sul mercato e dal rendimento superiore alle aspettative di alcuni dei loro acquisti (Miranda e Dowie in modo particolare).

Anche per il fatto delle riserve le critiche non possono essere del tutto fondate perché se non ci fossero stati tanti infortuni la panchina bianconera sarebbe stata addirittura troppo affollata (Ward, Lloyd, Rogers, Campbell



Martin, Geremia, Swinscoe avrebbero dovuto battergli per avere un posto fisso in squadra).

Nelle ultime settimane il rientro dei fuori forma Drinocky e il suo successivo infortunio e l'arrivo della scozzese Brown hanno costretto Margaritis a disfare il miglior reparto della squadra, la difesa centrale composta da Rogers e Dowie, con la speranza che questi due uomini avessero potuto risolvere i problemi di centrocampo. A parte il rivoluzionamento della difesa e del centrocampo, questo drastico cambiamento non ha potuto consolidarsi perché la prima settimana Rogers e' dovuto indietreggiare a terzino al posto del malato Geremia e la settimana scorsa' dovuto tornare a centrocampista al posto dell'infortunato Drinocky.

Ce ne sarebbe da far disparte chiunque, invece tutti sembrano d'accordo a gettare le colpe su Margaritis e Caruso. Come al solito far capri espiatori dell'allenatore a del team manager e' molto piu' semplice di cercare di capire i problemi reali della squadra ed esercitare una certa comprensione e pazienza quando le cose vanno male. Il fatto che lo stesso allenatore era stato portato in trionfo solo alcuni mesi fa per aver colto delle insperate vittorie ed aver portato al comando della classifica una squadra che era partita con il compito principale di salvarsi nella sua prima stagione in Lega Nazionale!

Le cose vanno male perché non potrebbero andare molto meglio di come la sfortuna e gli infortuni hanno voluto. Tog-



Luciano Fabrizio of Brisbane City surges away with the ball as Heidelberg-Alexander left back Joe Angele falls in a desperate attempt to stop him in their clash at Spencer Park in Brisbane. Heidelberg's captain Theo Selemidis is behind Angele. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

liere la fiducia e la comprensione alle persone che già hanno un compito quasi impossibile peggiorerebbe ancora di più la situazione.

I trasferimenti sono ormai chiusi, quindi e' inutile pensare ad altri acquisti; giocatori giu' di corda e con buona classe non possono essere tramutati in campioni; giovanissime speranze non possono essere caricate con la responsabilità di risolvere una

squadra che fa acqua da tutte le parti.

Ma con un po' di calma ed un po' di fiducia in piu' anche la presente critica situazione potrebbe migliorare al punto da permettere alla Juventus di finire il campionato in posizione onorevole e con il rispetto che si meriterebbe dimostrando di essere un club fatto di gente che sa tenere i nervi a posto negli inevitabili periodi difficili.

LE DUE AZZURRE AL COMANDO DELLA LEGA STATALE

Pur concedendo un punto al St Albans il Fawcner e' rimasto in cima alla classifica della Lega Statale del Victoria; allo stesso tempo gli altri Azzurri di Morwell hanno battuto in Doveton fuori casa e si sono affiancati ai cugini di Jukes Road con lo stesso punteggio (45), dietro le due squadre italiane, ad una lunghezza, la coppia Polonia e Box Hill.

Anche nel campionato statale del NSW una squadra italiana e' tornata a guidare la classifica; l'Inter Monato battendo il Yugal ha approfittato della sconfitta del Rockdale ed ha ripreso il comando.

IL THOMASTOWN LANCIA TISSIMO

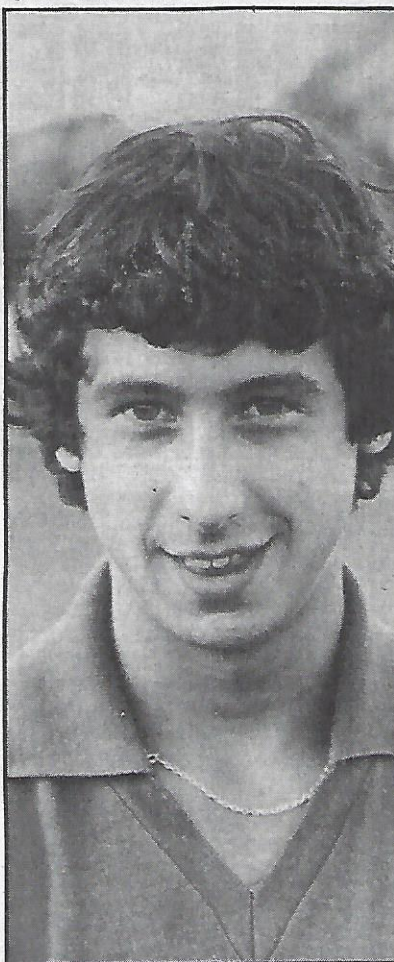
Nella prima divisione della lega metropolitana il Thomastown ha finalmente vinto il braccio di ferro con Springvale City. La squadra di Wilson e D'Amica ha polverizzato il Bell Park per 5-0, mentre Springvale non ha retto al loggione della battaglia a due in cima alla classifica ed ha perso di misura con il North Dandenong. I rossoneri sono così in vetta alla classifica con due punti di distacco dalla sua ex pompadour di prima poltrona e con ben cinque punti di vantaggio dalla terza classificata.

Bella affermazione della Triestina su Moorabbin City per 4-1 a riconferma della ritrovata forma dei muli alabardati. Ancora piu' brillante la vittoria del Bullen nella stessa divisione; i ragazzi veneti hanno battuto la capolistina Hamlyn Rangers per 4-2 ed hanno così fatto un ennesimo favore alla Triestina che così ha potuto recuperare due punti sulla squadra battistrada.

L'East Brunswick ha riportato un'altra convincente vittoria con il secco 3-0 impartito all'Hawthorn.

Nella terza divisione della Lega Provisionale il Dallas McLeod e' riuscito ad impattare con la diretta avversaria del North Sunshine e si trova ancora in cima alla classifica a pari punti con il Seaford.

Grande sorpresa nella quarta divisione con il derby italiano fra la capolistina Westall e il fanalino di coda Carum (fini in parità) senza che nessuna delle due abbia minimamente cambiato le loro pro-



Ricky Mezzadra, il giovane portiere del Dallas McLeod, proveniente dalla Juventus, e' da considerarsi uno degli artefici della su cesso della squadra della Federazione Lucana allenata dall'altro ex bianconero Fausto Tarquinio. La Squadra si trova in vetta alla classifica della terza divisione della Lega Provisionale dopo 19 partite e Ricky Mezzadra ha concesso solo 16 reti, rivelandosi uno dei

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Όταν πρό καιρού είχε γίνει ένα επίκεντρο στο γήπεδο της Ελλάδας με τον γράφοντα και με μία... "βαλτή" κυρία από την ομάδα των Νέων, μερικοί άστοιχοι παρ'όλη την αβυσσική του απόστασης με τους μικρούς άσους, τό έκαναν τό θέμα πραγματικό σφριαλ.

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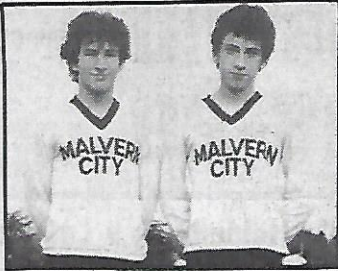
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Φυσικά πέρασαν σ'τον μαυροπίνακα γιατί κάτι τέτοια δεν ξεχνιούνται και εύκολα.

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Ευκαιρία ήταν σφόνριζε τη λήξη δ πάρα πολύ καλός ρεφερέ κ. SØRENSEN δ κυ νδλευκος παρ'όλη(;) κλησίασε άπειλητική τον ρεφερέ.

Τό τί άκριβός του είπε δεν γνωρίζουμε άλλ-



Δύο από τους νεαρούς ταλαντούχους παίκτες του Μάλβερν Σίτυ, που έχουν ξεκινήσει από τα τζούνιους είναι οι Σ. Τσάρας (αριστερά) και Θ. Τοπσαχλίδης.

λά από τις χειρωνακίες που έκανε, καταλάβα με ότι δεν θά του έλεγε και τόσο κολακευτικά λόγια.

Λίγο μετά μάλιστα στο Πρές Ρομ και μπροστά στον πρόεδρο της Ελλάδας κ. Ανεζήκη δ έ διος παρ'όλη έλεγε προανώνς κ'ανοποιήμενος για τό... κατ'ερώμα του: " Αδός έλειπε να μη του τό πώ του... (δέν γράφεται) ρε φερό.

Αυτομέθα που βλέπουμε τέτοιες περιπτώσεις από ανθρώπους που όχι μόνο διοικούν την Ελλάδα αλλά και που ασχολούνται με την ομάδα των νέων οι όποιοι ασφαλώς δεν νομίζουμε ότι παίρνουν καλά μαθήματα από τέτοια παθιασμένα άτομα.

Φθούλ λοιπόν και μάλιστα μεγάλο που δεν θά πρέπει να περάσει άπαρατήρητο από την διοίκηση της Ελλάδας.

ΤΟ ΟΚΑΝ ΜΕΤΡΩ ΚΑΙ... Ι-Ι

Μετά από μέτρια εμφάνιση τό "Ωλη πήρε Ισοπαλία από τό Ρίνγουντ.

Οι έπισκέπτες προηγήθηκαν στο 55' και τό "Ωλη Ισοφάρισε στο 75' με τον Μιχάλη Γκαβαρντίνα.

Από την ελληνική ομάδα δεν ξεχώρισε κανένας.

Έπαιξαν οι Παλίδης, Τ. Γκαβαρντίνας, Κρίτσιλίδης, Στοιγιάννου, Μπατινιότο, Κονέβας, Καραμπάτος, Κοντοκόστας, Λεονάρδος (Παλαιολογούδας) Παλζίνα και Μ. Γκαβαρντίνας.

Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε 4-0 Μάρκον 3, Λεονάρδος ΤΑΧΕΙΑ ΑΝΑΡΡΟΣΗ

Τό Δ. Συμβούλιο τό "Ωλη εχεται ταχεία

άνδρωση στον παλαίμαχο παίκτη του συλλόγου Αχιλλέα Δήμου δ όποιος έκανε εγχείρηση στο πόδι του.

DISCO ΤΟΥ ΚΑΙΦΤΩΝ ΧΙΛ

Την Κυριακή τό βράδυ (29-7-84) τό Ελφτον Χιλ διοργανώνει "Βραδιά Ντίσκο" στο Νέκο λσον Ρεσέριον στο 191 Νέκο λσον Στρ. Κάριλτον με 11 δολ μετά φαγητό και ποτόν.

ΑΝΕΒΑΙΝΕΙ ΤΟ ΜΟΡΤΙΛΛΟΚ

Νέα μεγάλη νίκη πήρε τό Μορτιλλόκ και μάλιστα έκτος έδρας με τό Ισχυρό Έλθαμ. Τό τελικό 2-1 είναι δικαίο και η ελληνική μας ομάδα ανεβαίνει συνεχώς τό σκαλοπάτια στον βαθμολογικό πίνακα.

Μέσα στο βαρό γήπεδο τό Έλθαμ δ Ερμής κατάφερε να προηγηθεί στο σκόρ με 2-0 και μάλιστα πολύ νωρίς (20') με τους Ρετρε και Παπάρ.

Στό Β' η όπεροχή μοιράστηκε, τό Έλθαμ μείωσε άλλα η άμυνα τό Ερμής κατόρθωσε να κρατήσει την πολύτιμη νίκη.

Καλύτεροι ήταν οι Ρετρε, Παπάρ και Κο νιάβες.

Έπαιξαν οι Γκίλπερτ, Καραβασίλης, Ααζόγκας, Μίλν, Άνκος, Πίππας, Δεληγιάννης, Κοννέβας, Στωματέλος, Ρετρε και Παπάρ.

ΠΕΡΙΦΟΡΗ Η Ν. ΕΛΛΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΕΝΤΕ ΠΡΟΑ

Η Ν. Ελλάδα ύστερα από θαυμασία εμφάνιση νίκησε έκτος έδρας τό Αρντίερ 5-2.

Τρία γκολ πέτυχε δ Θεοχάρους και δύο δ Παλατιδής.

Ξεχώρισαν οι σκόρερς και δ Τσολάκης. Έπαιξαν οι Πασιόκος, Ζαφειρημένιος, Σωτηρίον, (Κουτούρας) Νικολάου, Ντουρόκοβιτς, Τσολάκης, Κωστόπουλος, Γρηγορίον, Παλατιδής, Θεοχάρους και Κυπραίος.

ΜΙΑΡΜΕΚΙΟΥ

Στίς 5 Αύγουστου και στο γήπεδο της η Ν. Ελλάδα από τις 11 π.μ. έως τις 5 μ.μ. διοργανώνει Μπάρμπεκιον. Θά υπάρχει μου σική, ήττα και μύτρα άφθονη.

ΝΕΑ ΝΙΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΙΦΤΩΝ ΧΙΛ

Παίζοντας πολύ καλά με δύναμη και άποτελεσματικότητα τό Ελφτον Χιλ νίκησε και τό Ισχυρό Λαίγλορ με τό καθαρό σκόρ 3-0 ενώ με λίγη προσοχή θά είχε πέτυχε περισσότερα τέρματα.

Η ελληνική ομάδα ξεκίνησε μέσα από τό άποδοτήριο με ένα γκολ.

Έταν τό Ι' όταν δ Άνδριώτης κέρρισε πέναλτυ που τό κτύπησε δ Κοντρέρα κόνοντας τό 1-0.

Στό 42' τό Ελφτον με τον Στρατάκη που ήταν δ καλύτερος παίκτης του κυανόλευκου σωματείου πέτυχε και τό δεύτερο τέρμα του.

Στην επανάληψη τό παίγνιό έγινε πολύ δυνατό και οι έπισκέπτες προσπάθησαν χωρίς έπιτυχία γιατί η άμυνα τό Ελφτον ήταν άπροσπέλαστη.

Με την λήξη της συνάντησης τό Ελφτον έκανε τό 3-0 πάλι με τον Στρατάκη που πήρε θαυμάσια μπαλιά από τον Ανδριώτη. Από την νίκητρια δεν ύστερισε κανένας. Τους βαθμούς πήραν οι Στρατάκης 3, Λορέντζι 2 και Ότολ.

Έπαιξαν οι Κόργιος, Γκίλς, Βλαχάκης (75' Μυστιώτης) Καρβέλιανης, Ότολ, Λορέντζι, Κοντρέρα, Μπελγρίνο, Άνκος (80' Κουτσιάρας) Ανδριώτης και Στρατάκης.

Άριστος δ ρεφερέ κ. SØRENSEN. Αντικειμενικός, σωστός και πάντα κοντά στις φάσεις άφισε τις καλύτερες εντυπώσεις.

Κατόρθωσε να κρατήσει με την άσθητότητα του τό παίγνιό, σε καλή πλαίσια.

Σωστός οι κάρτες που έδωσε 4 σε παίκτες τό Ελφτον και Ι σε παίκτη τό Λαίγλορ. Σίγουρα πολύ σύντομα θά τον δοίμε και στο Νάσιοναλ Λίγκ. Βαθμοί 10.

ΚΑΙ Η Β' ΟΜΑΔΑ ΘΡΙΑΜΒΕΣΕ 7-2

Με 7-2 νίκησε και η Β' ομάδα τό Ελφτον την αντίστοιχη τό Λαίγλορ.

Τά γκολ πέτυχαν οι Αραβάνης 3, Κούσιας 2, Τσαμπόκοκς και Παπαγεωργίου.

Έπαιξαν οι Τσουμπής, Κυριακούλας, Καστόρης, Τσιλτζής, Κουτσιάρας (Μπράς) Παπαγεωργίου, Τσαμπόκοκς, Αραβάνης, Κούσιας, Πατρικόκος, Βυθούλας.

ΛΕΥΚΗ ΙΣΟΠΑΛΙΑ ΤΟ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ

Τό Μάλβερν μοιράστηκε τους βαθμούς με την Ισχυρή και σκληρή Μπρόνια με λευκή Ισοπαλία.

Και οι δύο αντίπαλοι προσπάθησαν, έχασαν εθναιρίες άλλα τελικά δεν βρήκαν τό δίχτυα.

Με τό Μάλβερν έπαιξαν οι Μακέν, Αζιομακάρου, (50' Γιαννιάκης) Παπαδόπουλος, Τσάμος, Στωματέλης, Ροβίμος, Γεωργιάδης, Κυριαζόπουλος, Τριανταφυλλίδης, Γιαννιόνης, Αλαγκιόζιδης (75' Νέκον).

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA



SREĆAN U STAROM JATU!

Posle 20 meseci trener Čeda Ćirković se vratio u JUST-ovo jato na obostrano zadovoljstvo. Evo ga na "Plavoj večeri" sa suprugom Dragicom, vernim navijačem JUST-a.



Chris Dimitrijević, verni golman Altona Gate/VARDARA. Karijeru je počeo u juniorima JUST-a.

ILUSTROVANA JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

— U SLICI I REČI —

Jedno kratko vreme (do 19. avgusta ove godine), dok se pisac ovih redova ne vrati sa godišnjeg odmora, ova rubrika će imati više slika nego teksta. Razume se, ako bilo ko želi da objavi kratak opis nekog sportskog događaja iz jugoslovenske sportske zajednice može da ga pošalje na adresu "Soccer Actiona" (naglasiti da je za Jugoslovensku scenu). Izveštaji moraju biti iskucani na pisačkoj mašini. Isto važi za slike, koje treba slati sa propratnim tekstom.

Slike koje objavljujemo u ovoj rubrici snimili su Stojan Mitić, Milan Ninović i Slavko Drlić.

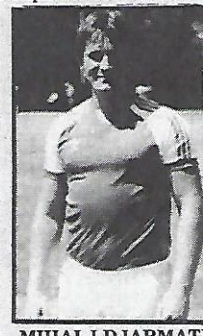


PRVI TIM ALTONE/ILINDEN

Ovi momci imaju najbolje izgleda da postanu prvaci druge Industrijske divizije, pod uslovom da nastave sa igrom i disciplinom kao do sada.



Rezervni tim Richmond United/BOSNE, igra sporo ali pun je sevdaha, pa zato ima više obožavalaca od igrača prvog tima.



MIHALJ DJARMATI
Devojka za sve u Parkmore/Plavom
Dinnavi



It's The BIG Challenge This Weekend — July 28-29



Alan Davidson
South Melb.

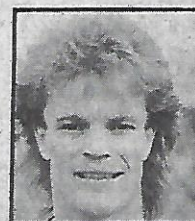
South Melbourne v Sydney City

Middle Park Sunday 3 pm

Previous NSL Results
South Melbourne 3 wins
Sydney City 7 wins
5 draws

Heidelberg v Leichhardt Olympic Village Sunday 3 pm

Previous NSL Results
Heidelberg 7 wins
Leichhardt 1 win
2 draws



Stuart Stevenson
Heidelberg



Tony Curcio
Melb Croatia

Melbourne Croatia v Sydney Olympic

Olympic Park No 1 Sunday
3 pm.

Previous NSL Result
Melbourne Croatia 1 win

Marconi v Juventus

Double-header

Marconi Stadium Sunday
3 pm

No Previous NSL result



Billy Rogers
Juventus



Frank Pimblett
Brisbane City

Brisbane City v Melita Eagles

Spencer Park Sunday
3 pm

Previous NSL Results
Melita Eagles 1 win

Preston v Penrith City Connor Reserve Sunday 3 pm

No previous NSL result



Graham Heys
Preston



John Ogden
Brisb Lions

Blacktown City v Brisbane Lions

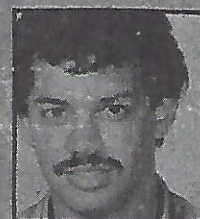
Gabbie Stadium Sunday
3 pm

Previous NSL Results
Blacktown City 2 wins
Brisbane Lions 1 win
2 draws

Canberra Arrows v Footscray

Bruce Stadium Sunday
3 pm

Previous NSL Results
Canberra 5 wins
Footscray 5 wins
4 draws



Paul Ontong
Canberra



Robbie Slater
St. George

West Adelaide v St. George Hindmarsh Stadium Sunday 3 pm

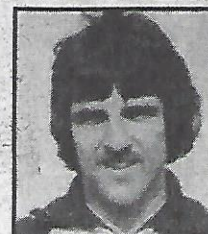
Previous NSL Results
West Adelaide 3 wins
St. George 6 wins
3 draws

Sydney Croatia v Adelaide City

Double-header

Marconi Stadium Sunday
1 pm

No Previous NSL results



Ken Boden
Sydney Croatia



Dean Milosevic
Newcastle

Newcastle Rosebud v Green Gully

Adamstown Oval
Saturday 2.30

Previous NSL Result
Newcastle 1 win

Sunshine George Cross v Wollongong

Chaplin Reserve Sunday
3 pm

No previous NSL result



Ossie Latif
Sunshine G.C.